

January 31, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Return to Worship - Drive-in Service

(Drive-in Worshipers: please remember to stay in your car, bathrooms are NOT available.)

Welcome

Greeting

Leader: The Lord has declared victory and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Opening Prayer

ALL: O God, you made of one blood all nations that dwell on the face of the whole earth and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are near. Grant that all people everywhere may seek after you and find you. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #451 "Be Thou My Vision" {vss. 1 - 3}

Scripture 1st Corinthians 8:1-13 / Mark 1: 21 - 28

Sermon "Ah-ha"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #127 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" {vss. 1 - 3}

Benediction

“Be Thou My Vision”

{vss. 1 - 3}

#451 United Methodist Hymnal

<https://youtu.be/C9BQhvjIiOE>

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true Son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Scripture Reading:

1st Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So, by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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Remember in Prayer

Pat Bright (Nancy Miller's dear friend – dementia)	Ron & Linda Herring (death of their daughter, Rhonda)
Tonya Spears nephew, Austin Cox	Nell Casto
Tony Throckmorton & Family (friends of the Keller Family)	Margaret Carter (Karen Carter's mother-in-law Hospice Care)
Michael (Mickey) Burshell (biopsy for lung cancer)	Steve Taylor as well as his mother and sister-in-law
Joann Clark (complications from diabetes)	Angela O'Brien (V. L. Brown's daughter)
Shawn Miller (Wayne Smith's friend)	The Mahoney Family (V. L. Brown's daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren)
Tonya's brother Todd Staples	All the families & responders of the Western Wildfires, the Gulf Coast & Florida Hurricanes, the Central America hurricane as well as those suffering from the Covid-19 Pandemic
OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN	

OTHERS IN NEED OF LONG-TERM PRAYER:

Dana Arnold (Donna Bishop's daughter)	Donna Bishop
John Carter (kidney disease – Karen Carter's Son)	Cheryl Eanes Dunaway
Lori Eanes (kidney transplant recipient)	Miriam Foote (Barbara Oestreich's mother)
Connie Eanes George	Vickie Hogge (Stacy Corbin's aunt – cancer)
The Keane Family	Patsy Kitching
Pat Kuestner – Tonya's friend (brain surgery)	Ace Oestreich
Anne Owen	Phyllis Pape
Barbara Ritch-Brant	Jay Sadler (Nancy Miller's nephew)
Burch & Kendall Vickery	Sue Wilson
ALL CAREGIVERS	

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

{vss. 1 - 3}

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<https://youtu.be/JdS-DoSiHVA>

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.