

Shine Forth! Be The Light!

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Welcoming & Announcements

Centring Music Praise to the Lord

*LOBE DEN HERREN, STALSUND GESANGBUCH, 1665
arranged by John Carter*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Let us give thanks to God,
let us join our whole selves in songs of praise.

Let us bring our concerns to God's gentle love.

let us receive God's word for our lives.

We give thanks to God as we bring the light of Christ into our worship.

Opening Hymn **Are You a Shepherd?** (More Voices 126)

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1. Are you a shepherd,
good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger,
while calming our fears?
Are you a father
who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter
and wipes away tears?

Refrain Yes, you are shepherd,
parent and teacher,
but you are greater
than all that we know.
Holy and living,
loving and giving,
God, you are with us
wherever we go.

2. Are you a mother,
good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us
and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher
who daily prepares us,
challenging students
to offer their best? *Refrain*
3. Great, gentle shepherd,
forever beside us,
lead all your children
in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent,
wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you
and bring you delight. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

Anthem Count Your Blessings

Hojun Lee

A Time to Wonder The New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111
Mark 1: 21-28

Reflection "Teaching With Influence"

Hymn of the Day **My Love Colours Outside the Lines** (More Voices 138)

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- 1 My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines
- 2 My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places,
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Bridge We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul
need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize
there are worlds outside the lines.

- 3 My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Bridge We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul
need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize
there are worlds outside the lines.

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response **We Praise You, O God** (Voices United 218, v. 1)

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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Open Your Ears, O Faithful People** (Voices United 272)

*Words: from Thee Talmud: "Israel and the Torah are one"; English, Willard F. Jabusch 1966, rev. 1985
Music: Hasidic melody; harm. Richard Proulx 1984*

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1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O faithful people,
God now speaks to you.

Refrain God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
And those words are words of wisdom,
hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
And those words are words of wisdom,
hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

words and music by Ira Stanpail

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Bill and Clare Walker
Morning Prayer – Atholl Malcolm
Lighting of the Christ Candle & Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis
Scripture Reading – Arlene Vickery
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey
Postlude – Lynn Dennis
Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Jayda Perry
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group
Flowers for the service are offered by Carol-Ann and David Staples in
celebration of the life of their daughter, Rebecca.