FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER SPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2, 2025
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Jamaican Tune
(Isaac Mingus, Mark DeRose, Steven Phillips)

from Psalm 37

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Williams

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
For they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
Take delight in the Lord,
And he will give you the desires of your heart.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 63** *The Lord Is God* AZMON

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!
Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things
and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God,
the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away,
together and apart,
O children, take these holy words
and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!
Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things
and giver of our days.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
we confess that we consider ourselves blessed
only when we have everything we want
instead of wanting everything you have.
Forgive us.
Be our abundance in the midst of our need.
And be our joy in the midst of our abundance.
For even everything is nothing without you in it.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 647** *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* Traditional/arr. Phillips
(The Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:27-32

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Greatest Sinner* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Benedictus* Karl Jenkins
(Isaac Mingus, cello)

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Mary Williams

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* REPTON

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak:
the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own:
God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Pasticcio* Jean Langlais

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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