FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026
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/ arr. Phillips

adapted from Psalm 119

CALL TO WORSHIP — Sienna Campbell

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise.
Blessed are those who take God's advice,
who trust God in all things.
Your word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

***HYMN 307** — *God of Grace and God of Glory* — CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and faithful God,
you led your beloved Son into the wilderness,
and there he trusted your word above all else.
We confess that we often do the opposite.
We grasp for quick solutions instead of waiting for your provision.
We want assurance without trust, rescue without surrender.
Forgive us for serving what promises much but delivers little.
By your Spirit, drive away the voices that distort your truth.

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

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!"

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 *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw
(The Chancel Choir)

With a voice of singing declare ye this
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth:
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this
and let it be heard, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

page 879 **SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Devil's Game* 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Eugene Russell

***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**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 661** *Why Should I Feel Discouraged* SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Refrain:
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

***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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