Westminster
Presbyterian Church

# JANUARY 31, 2021
# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Gathering Words** **Linda and Greg Barbu**

Our God is gracious and merciful.
**The universe reveals God's**
**amazing creativity and power.**
We are part of this unfolding new reality.
**We are made in image of God.**
God invites us to be co-creators of God's coming age.
**Let us come and worship God**
**With our whole mind and heart!**

**Opening Prayer** **Linda and Greg Barbu**

Holy Wonder,
Fashioner of a new age,
Powerful and wise beyond our understanding,
You gather us in the name of Jesus.
You invite us into relationship with you—
An invitation offered with authority, empowering us to respond.

Forgive us
when we use the authority given to us
to take rather than give,
to abuse rather than serve,
to shackle rather than liberate.

Awaken us
to your astounding presence in our midst,
freeing and frenzied Spirit.

Empower us to follow you,
To join you in liberating, healing and life-giving
Until your new age is fulfilled.
Amen.

**Opening Hymn No. 755** Alleluia! Laud and Blessing WEISSE FLAGGEN

**Prayer of Illumination** **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:21-28 **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

[21]They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. [22]They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. [23]Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, [24]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." [25]But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" [26]And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. [27]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." [28]At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Sermon** Possessed by the Spirit **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

**Hymn No. 286** Breath on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

**Prayer of the People** **Linda and Greg Barbu**

…We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

**Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your Name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done,**
**on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins**
**as we forgive those**
**who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial,**
**and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours,**
**now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn No. 305** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

**Benediction** **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**