

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## January 30, 2022 @ 10:30 am

## Liturgist: Greg Hardy

Special Music: Allison Kelly, soprano; James Wingate, piano

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Hymns

**Organ Prelude** 

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Because the health and safety of our children is important, we invite children to sit with their families during worship. Kids can pick-up supplies from the worship bag cart or the Prayground space and bring to their spot in the sanctuary.

## \*Call to Worship

- One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:
- All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
- One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,
- All: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.
- One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

#### \*Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you. By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding. Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

#### \*Opening Prayer

#### Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 24:17-22

<sup>17</sup> Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. <sup>18</sup> Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.

<sup>19</sup> When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup> When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. <sup>21</sup> When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. <sup>22</sup> Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

**Music Meditation** 

"Lord of the Small"

Dan Forrest

#### **Children's Moment**

#### New Testament Lesson Acts 6:1-7

<sup>1-4</sup> During this time, as the disciples were increasing in numbers by leaps and bounds, hard feelings developed among the Greek-speaking believers — "Hellenists" — toward the Hebrew-speaking believers because their widows were being discriminated against in the daily food lines. So the Twelve called a meeting of the disciples. They said,

"It wouldn't be right for us to abandon our responsibilities for preaching and teaching the Word of God to help with the care of the poor. So, friends, choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense, and we'll assign them this task. Meanwhile, we'll stick to our assigned tasks of prayer and speaking God's Word." <sup>5-6</sup> The congregation thought this was a great idea. They went ahead and chose —

Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolas, a convert from Antioch.

Then they presented them to the apostles. Praying, the apostles laid on hands and commissioned them for their task.

<sup>7</sup>The Word of God prospered. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased dramatically. Not least, a great many priests submitted themselves to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Meditation

## Service of Ordination and Installation – Class of 2024

Doug Tedder, Sarah Teja

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Ordination	Installation
Elders: Jennifer Clifton, Aidan Ussery,	Elders: Sue Farrell, Fred Millard,
Thomas Vandervort	Lisa Sills
Deacons: Nancy Girard, Rene Nunnington,	Deacons: Clay Boyles

## **QUESTIONS TO THE ELDERS AND DEACONS ELECT**

## \*QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these persons as elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.** 

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church? **We do.** 

## \*PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

## **CHARGE TO THE ELDERS AND DEACONS**

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

## "Pray for One Another"

**Please pray this week for the following members and families:** Kevin & Jenifer Renshaw, Isabelle, Kirk; Brad & Margaret Riffel, Caroline; Ben & Sherri Rogers, Matt, Lydia; Neil & Elizabeth Satterfield, Owen, Stewart, Reid; Marc Schaub; Paul & Donna Schindler, Fred; Rob & Tracey Schmidt, Ellie, Lane, Molly; Sharon Selick; Gwynne Shepherd; Richard Short.

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## \*Closing Hymn We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN Glory to God Hymnal #733

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## Benediction

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Organ Response** "May God Support You All Your Days"

(Psalm 20) Lee Bristol

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## Upcoming

Monday, January 31 ~ Called Meeting of the Session to approve 2022 budget Tuesday, February 1 ~ Zoom Time with Olive @ 11:30 am Wednesday, February 2 ~ Wednesday Evening Worship & Communion @ 6:00 pm Thursday, February 3 ~