

01/31/2021

Sunday: Epiphany 4, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Great God of the universe, whose wisdom pervades all creation, we gather before you to give you all praise and honor. Wonderful and majestic are your works; righteousness is seen in all that you do. You make a covenant and call us all heirs of its promise. You establish your law, showing all people that you are to be trusted. In company with the redeemed of all ages, we lift our voices to acclaim your worth. Amen.

HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King (15) (vv. 1, 4, 6)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul reminds us, "There is one God . . . from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist . . . If one loves God, one is known by God." As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ, through whom we exist, God forgives our sins. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:21-28

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: A Demon's Fright

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit (181)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(from "A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)", 11.1-11.2 and 11.5)*

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel . . . With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Most merciful and gracious God, the good that we do we owe to your righteousness. Whatever honor we receive is due to your redeeming love in Christ Jesus. All that we have is a gift of your grace. You call us, you name us, you watch over us with care. We bring now our gifts in response to your goodness. Use them and us to further the work of your eternal benevolence, through Jesus Christ, whom we seek to obey. Amen.

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision (450)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE