

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021

PREPARATION: *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 The Lord says: I will raise up a new prophet to speak my word. Psalm 11 Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Concerning food and idols: knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Mark 1:21-28 Jesus casts out an unclean spirit; all are amazed at his authority.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Variations on Austria”

Powell

INTROIT #327

“O Word of God Incarnate”

Munich

VERSE:1 O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging. O light of our dark sky;
 We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
 A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

VERSE:3 O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
 To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
 O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
 Till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Praise the Lord! Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. The Lord’s righteousness endures forever. God has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. Awe of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #285**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Austrian Hymn

VERSE:1 God, You spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
 Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
 We, created in Your image, would a true reflection be
 Of Your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

VERSE:2 You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
 We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
 When we blur Your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
 Healed and strengthened as You people, we move onward toward Your goal.

VERSE:3 God, Your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
 Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there’s work to dare and do.
 Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mighty God, surely awe of you is the beginning of wisdom. But we want to trust in our own knowledge. Eternal God, the Scriptures tell us that you spoke to your people through Moses and the prophets. But we doubt that you speak today. Holy God, we hear the stories of Jesus casting out demons. But we doubt that you hear our prayers for healing. Forgive our doubts, and teach us with authority, that we might spread your good news! (Pause for silent confession).

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 15:18-20

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

"God Is In His Holy Temple"
John Brockman, Kristin Juergens - Vocalists

arr. Lovelace

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

LEADER: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

"The Devil in Church"

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

O God, you have given me all that I need, in gratitude I give back to you.

OFFERTORY

"A Short Voluntary"

Gibbs

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)**

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**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #462**

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Ratisbon

VERSE:1

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

VERSE:2

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

VERSE:3

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Postlude in D"

Gibbs

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

NEXT SUNDAY, February 7th, 2021 will be the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. The lectionary scriptures will be: Isaiah 40:21-31 Have you not heard? The Lord strengthens those who are weak. Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Sing praise to the Lord, who gathers, heals, and feeds us. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Paul says: Everything I do is for the sake of proclaiming the gospel. Mark 1:29-39 Jesus heals many people; in the morning he steals away to pray.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

Stephen Allen

Eric Houghton

John Brockman & Kristin Juergens

Jeff Cockrell, Ken Huff & Merry Lynn Morris

Preacher

Organist

Liturgist & Children's Sermon

Vocalists

Sound & Video

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