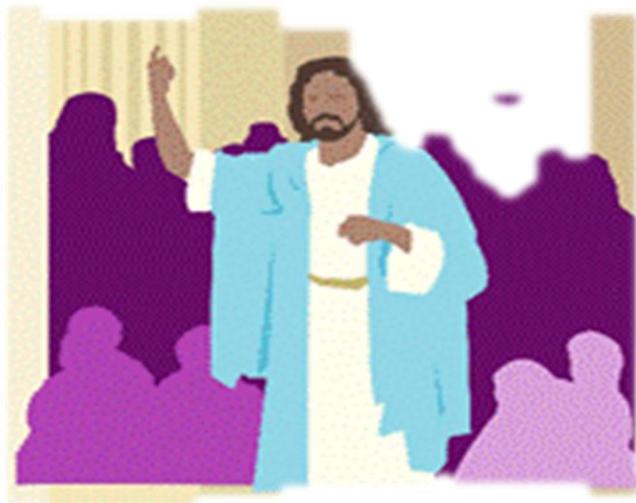


*Thank you for joining us as we
Worship our Lord
January 31, 2021
9:45am Service*



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Mark 1:21–22

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STEWARSHIP NOTE. . .

Trust in the Lord and do not rely on your own understanding.

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Blended Noncommunion Service
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Pre-Service Music

WELCOME

OPENING SONG
"Mighty to Save"

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

CHORUS:

Savior

He can move the mountains

My God is Mighty to save

He is Mighty to save

Forever

Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

CHORUS

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King
Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

CHORUS X2

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

People: **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

(Spoken)

Reader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right Spirit within me.

SALUTATION

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Reader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

(English Standard Version)

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111

People: Praise the LORD!

Reader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Reader: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Reader: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

People: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Reader: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

People: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

(English Standard Version)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, 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. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge

eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise out of respect for the Gospel)

VERSE

Mark 1:22a

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

(English Standard Version)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “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 out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

**People: 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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God
The Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen**

FEEDING OF THE LAMBS

SONG OF THE DAY
“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
His the scepter, His the throne
Alleluia, His the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us with His blood

Alleluia, bread of heaven
Here on earth our food, our stay
Alleluia, here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day
Intercessor, friend of sinners
Earth’s Redeemer hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea

Alleluia, King eternal
Lord, omnipotent we own
Alleluia, born of Mary
Earth Your footstool
Heaven Your throne
As within the veil You entered
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast

MESSAGE

“When the Service is Interrupted”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Responsive)

When there is no communion, Pastor will give prayers as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Lord in Your Mercy

People: Hear Our Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

A tithing plate is located at the Sanctuary Entrance. Thank you.

DOXOLOGY

Hymn #461

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

People: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and †give you
peace.
People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG
"Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

CHORUS:
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, forever (2X)

From the rising sun to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

CHORUS

His love endures forever (4X)
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

CHORUS