

Worship Service ~ January 29, 2023, 10:30

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Deb & Steve Melander
in honor of Steve's 80th Birthday January 24.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONGS *You Have Shown Us and God of Justice*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

~Silence for reflection~

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Holy God,

C: you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Micah.

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

R: A Gospel reading from the 5th chapter of Matthew.

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MESSAGE

Pastor John Klawiter



MUSICAL OFFERING *"This is the Kingdom"*
Worship Band

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boxes by the exit doors. Thank you for giving to
Faith!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray, liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

All the People Said Amen

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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