

**5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

—Psalm 24:7-10, NIV

 **Invocation**

Bonnie Mecaughey

You, O God, are mighty forever.
You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.
You sustain the living, give life to the dead,
support the falling, loose those who are bound,
and keep your faith with those who sleep in the dust.
Who is like you, O God of mighty acts?
Praise be to you forever. **Amen.**

 **Praise Song**

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Brown & Baloché

Verse 1
Praise is rising; eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You.

Pre-Chorus
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to find the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away.

Chorus
Hosanna, Hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2
Hear the sound of hearts turning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new;
You make us new.

Pre-Chorus
Chorus
Pre-Chorus
Chorus
Tag – Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”
—Isaiah 1:18, NIV

Prayer of Confession *(in Unison)*

Bonnie Mecaughey

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we
are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
—Romans 8:1, NIV

Leader: *This is the Promise of the Lord*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

 **Gloria Patri**

*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.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As we come before God with our tithes and offerings,
let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does
the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our
money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

Offering

Offertory

*Once Again
Mike Lenz*

by Matt Redman

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us— our selves, our time, and our
possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Praise Song**

He Will Hold Me Fast

*Verse 1
When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.*

Chorus

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Verse 2

*Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!*

Chorus (2 x)

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:22-34

²² Then he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, don't worry about your life, what you will eat; or about the body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They don't sow or reap; they don't have a storeroom or a barn; yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than the birds? ²⁵ Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying? ²⁶ If then you're not able to do even a little thing, why worry about the rest?"

²⁷ "Consider how the wildflowers grow: They don't labor or spin thread. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these. ²⁸ If that's how God clothes the grass, which is in the field today and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will he do for you—you of little faith? ²⁹ Don't strive for what you should eat and what you should drink, and don't be anxious. ³⁰ For the Gentile world eagerly seeks all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

³¹ "But seek his kingdom, and these things will be provided for you. ³² Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make money-bags for yourselves that won't grow old, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon

*“Living in Trust”
Rev. Tim Latham*



Hymn 292

God of Grace and God of Glory

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Responding

We respond to God's Word



Profession of Faith *(Apostle's 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 Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at 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 Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Hymn 349

Trust and Obey

! Benediction & Blessing

! Postlude

****Congregational Meeting****

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be **today February 4th** Immediately following worship. Annual Reports are available on the Welcome Desk.