

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “You Shall Go Out with Joy”**

*You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);  
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);  
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap) while you go  
out with joy.*

*You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands.*

**\* POSTLUDE - “With Joy Unending” – Broughton**

**Please remain in the sanctuary after worship for the congregational meeting.**



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**Order of Worship**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 28, 2024**

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*At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.*

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**            *“Psalm of Glory” — Smith*

**GREETING**            This is the day that the Lord has made!  
*Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**INTROIT**            *“How Very Good and Pleasant” – #398 [Faith Choir]*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

***The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.***

We desire to live in God’s house, and to seek God in God’s holy temple.

***We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.***

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and  
always.***

**\* OPENING HYMN - “What Is This Place – #404**

**\* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

***Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus  
to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be  
born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of sin  
have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the  
courage to choose and nurture holiness, that we may receive your blessing.***

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe the good news!

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

**\* GLORIA PATRI - *Glory to God* – #582**

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

**THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - *The Way of Christ* – Choplin [Faith Choir]

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 111**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Hebrews 10:24-25**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON** “Encourage One Another”

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD “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 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.***

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** - “Ode to Joy” – arr. Putnam

**\* DOXOLOGY** - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – #609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures high and low.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

**\* CLOSING HYMN** - “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” – #408

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