



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 3, 2019



† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

arr. by Mark Hayes

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Introit *"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"* by Ruth Duck and Donna Kasbohm
*Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God**

Rev. Haynes

One: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

All: God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

One: God has held us since our birth.

All: So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and the cruel.

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

All: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

† **Hymn No. 478**

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

† **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Susan Fields

**God of life,
we admit to you and to each other
that we have not always lived lives of love.
We have lost patience and been rude.
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.
We have even let love end.
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

Susan Fields

One: By the grace of God's love, God forgives us in love.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

aisles. The pastor will be serving gluten free bread. After you have received communion, place your cup in the basket and return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand. *When receiving communion, you may respond with "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or in silence.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right...to the glory of your name.

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor: O God, you have... 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 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.***

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory

"Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major BWV 866"

by J. S. Bach

† **Response**

The Doxology

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 Thanksgiving**

Elizabeth Small

SENDING

† **Closing Hymn No. 376**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response**

"Amen"

(hymn no. 588)

† **Postlude**

"Suite No. 7 in g minor"

by G. F. Handel



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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