

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist Church



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Prelude

Communion

Louis Vierne

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

O God, Eternal Source

Adult Choir

J.S. Bach

Prayer of Invitation

UM Worship and Song No. 92
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*God of truth,
you have spoken your Word
to us and in us
but we have not listened to you.
We have not been mindful
of your presence,
or attentive to your voice.*

*Have mercy on us,
forgive us, and heal us.
Speak your Word in us now,
and create us anew.
We open ourselves to your Word.
Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

Let us greet each other
in the name of the Risen Christ.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymn No. 62 vs 1-5

WORDS: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; trans. by William H. Draper, 1925, adapt. 1987

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Williams, 1906

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*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!*

*O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!*

*Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!*

***Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Anthem

Jesus Loves Me

Children's Choir

Anna Warner

Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward
as parents are comfortable.

Please note that those who come forward
may be visible on the livestream.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

I Was Glad

Adult Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Offertory Response

Hymn No. 97—vs 1

*For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.*

Prayer of Blessing

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn No. 451

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905;
versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963
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*Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.*

*Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;*

*thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!*

*Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.*

Congregational Prayer

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... *hear our prayer.*

Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.

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 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. Amen.*

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested 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 Then the LORD Replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said.’

18 'I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. 19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 20 But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "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 quiet and come out of him!"

²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bruce Forbes

“Sacred the Body”

TFWS No. 2228

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1 Cor. 3:16; 13:4-7)

MUSIC: W. Daniel Landes

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*Sacred the body
God has created,
temple of Spirit
that dwells deep inside.*

*Cherish each person;
nurture creation.
Treat flesh as holy,
that love may abide.*

*Bodies are varied,
made in all sizes,
pale, full of color,
both fragile and strong.*

*Holy the difference,
gift of the Maker,
so let us honor
each story and song.*

***Love respects persons,
bodies and boundaries.
Love does not batter,
neglect, or abuse.***

*Love touches gently,
never coercing.
Love leaves the other
with power to choose.*

*Holy of holies,
God ever loving,
make us your temples;
indwell all we do.*

*May we be careful,
tender and caring,
so may our bodies
give honor to you.*

Benediction

Choral Response

Amen

Adult Choir

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

Sketch in F Minor

Robert Schumann

Go in Peace.

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