

4th Sunday after Epiphany 2019

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "My Song Is Love Unknown" setting, James Biery

* Call to Worship

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 cruel.

One: In love, God saves and supports us.

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

* Opening Hymn #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

You are high and lifted up, O God of hosts. The whole earth is full of your splendor; we see all about us signs of your grace. We come into your temple singing your praises. You are God of steadfast love and faithfulness; hear us as we offer you our thanks. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us.

All: Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders." Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

All: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and call us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

* Response #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

* Hymn #487 "These Treasured Children" vs. #1

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible – NT p.175

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Scripture Reading

Psalms 24:7-10

Pew Bible – OT p.502

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Making An Entrance"

Rev. Rashad D. Grove

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith (*see projection*)

* Hymn #530 "One Bread, One Body"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Bread and Wine (*See "Welcome to Worship" card in the pew rack for instructions*)

Communion Prayer

Offering

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

Musical Offertory

“Elevation”

Louis Vierne

* Doxology #609

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* Closing Hymn #269

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

“Recessional”

Joseph Roff



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
in the prayer room if needed.*

Our beautiful chancel flowers are given by Tom & Sue Renier
in celebration of their 46th Wedding Anniversary.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters: Annette Kinchen & Marilyn Heim

Liturgist: Sally Lindow

Acolytes: Ian Mackey & Ava Mehlberg

Ushers: John & Bryce Motquin and Joe & Barb Williams

Organist: Julie Mackey

Choir Director: Andy Parks

Elder of the Month: Kathy Gutzman

Deacons of the Month: Kathy Porretto & Michele Griffith

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams

Fellowship: Amy Cassidy & Becky Dzekute

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