

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 31 January 2021

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting*: Let us give thanks to the Lord
with our whole hearts.

Let us give thanks in the congregation.

Full of honor and majesty
are the works of the Lord;

God's righteousness endures for ever!

(Psalm 111)

Praise Choruses: 2175 "Together We Serve"

2104 "An Outcast among Outcasts"

Opening Prayer: 564 "For the Unity of Christ's Body"

Opening Hymn: 2271 "Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 266 (*Verse 1 only*) "Heal Us, Emmanuel,
Hear Our Prayer"

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalter: 832 (*Response: 57---Verse 1 only*) Psalm 111

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Hymn of Preparation: 264 "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

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Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: "Power"

Affirmation of Faith: 888 "Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20"

Joys, Concerns

Prayer*: O Healer of Galilee,
you are afflicted in the sufferings of your people
and are full of compassion and tender mercy.
Hear us as we pray for those who suffer:
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in body or mind... *Response*

For those whose livelihood is insecure,
the overworked, the hungry, the homeless,
and the destitute,
for those who have been downtrodden, ruined,
and driven to despair...*R*

For little children,
whose surroundings hide them
from your love and beauty,
for all the fatherless and motherless...*R*

For those who have to bear their burdens alone,
and for all who have lost those whom they love...*R*

For those who are in doubt and anguish of soul,

for those who are oversensitive and afraid...*R*

For those who suffer through their own wrongdoing...*R*

For those whose suffering is unrelieved
by the knowledge of your love...*R*

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Set free, Helper of the weak,
the souls of your servants
from all restlessness and anxiety.

Give us the peace and power that flow from you.
Keep us in all perplexities and distresses,
in all griefs and grievances,
from any fear or faithlessness;
that, being upheld by your strength
and stayed on the rock of your faithfulness,
through storm and stress we may abide in you..**Amen.**
(U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation
and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God

Offering/Offertory

Doxology: 2003 "Praise You"

Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

With money, time, and talents, we say, **thank you, thank you,
thank you, God;**
with heart and voice we sing, **thank you, thank you,
thank you, God.**
**Shape us by the power of your Spirit,
that we may give thanks to you
in every part of our life,
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: 265 (Tune 298) "O Christ, the Healer"

Blessing*: May the blessing of God, fountain of living water,
flow within us as a river of life.
**May we drink deep of her wisdom.
May we never thirst again.
May we go through life refreshing many,
as a sign of healing for all,
through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.**
(Miriam Therese Winter, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

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