



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

PRELUDEarr. Annette Seaton

Repentance

*CALL TO WORSHIPDillon Sirmans

Leader: Praise the LORD!

PEOPLE: **WE WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH OUR WHOLE HEART.**

Leader: The LORD has gained renown through wonderful deeds;

PEOPLE: **THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL.**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

PEOPLE: **HOLY AND AWESOME IS GOD'S NAME.**

*WORSHIP HYMNCH. 99

O, How I Love Jesus

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRISTGrant Gonsalves

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O LORD our GOD, You have called us forth into Your assembly to worship You in truth and in spirit. Guide us in our worship, that we may hear and heed Your words. Help us to know Your truth, and live out in our words and deeds the message You have for us. We want to pray in a way that is pleasing to You, we want to pray in a spirit of truth and devotion to You and Your kingdom. By ourselves, we do not know How to pray—You have to teach us. Therefore, together with the first historical disciples of Christ and united with the disciples of Your Son Jesus throughout history, we pray the way that he taught us to pray, saying, *“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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom the power, and the glory forever and ever.”* Amen.

*GLORIA PATRICH. 35

Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 11)Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

ANTHEMarr. Gaither

He Touched Me

SECOND READING (pg 820)Mark 8:31-38

MESSAGEThe Rev. Dr. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.

“Our Reluctance to Accept Suffering as God’s Way”

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORYarr. Mayfield

Words of Hope

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Everlasting God, we bring these gifts before You with hope and thanksgiving and with a cheerful heart. Your word assures us that You love a cheerful giver. We celebrate the many gifts that You have given us—and we celebrate the ministries that are empowered through gifts of money and dedication and talent. Guide the use of our gifts, talents, tithes, and offerings for the furtherance of Your kingdom so that our church—and indeed the whole world—may become a place of wholeness and healing for many and not just a few. We offer these gifts and this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGYCH. 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMNCH. 406

Beneath the Forms of Outward Rite

PRAYER FOR THE BREADBob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUPLeo Gibbs

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTSarr. Dauermann

Vineyard Song

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 699**

Rejoice, The Lord Is King!

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth remain in church*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Pam Gibbs, Rosemary Lahy, Kathryn Bean, Zach Lowman



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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