



The 4th Sunday After Epiphany
January 30, 2022

Prelude

Lyric Interlude

We are Called to Worship – The story of God’s love for the world continues to unfold before our very lives. From the beginning of creation, to the promise of Israel, in the prophets and apostles, through the church and most especially Jesus Christ, God’s continues to write new chapters in the greatest story there ever was. Let us prepare our hearts for worship today that we might be ready to live into the story God is writing for our lives, in this very moment, here and now.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—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.

Bell Choir

Joyful Canticle

We Hear God’s Word

Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

²¹Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came

from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’²³ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’²⁴ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town.²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Meditation

A New Chapter

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—The story of God’s love is, indeed, unfolding before our very lives. As we bring our offerings this day, may the Holy Spirit be upon them that they might further the story of God’s love in the lives of our church family and the world around us. With generous and thankful hearts, let us bring our gifts to God.

January Benevolence—Emergency Assistance: Every so often a neighbor contacts Zion for assistance for things our Franklin Township Ministerial Association and our Southeast Association Eviction Ministry do not cover. This could be anything from diapers and formula to bus tickets or clothes. We want to ensure that we have funds available when the call comes to serve our neighbors. Please, consider donating to our January Benevolence offering to help support Emergency Assistance.

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at www.zionuccindy.net/donate

Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Traditional

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

*Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Inclusive
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

We Give Thanks—God we pray that these gifts we bring this day will carry your Good News near and far. Help us to use these gifts in service of you and our neighbors as we seek to do your work in this world. Pour out your blessings that these gifts might be used for the ever-unfolding story of your love for the world. Amen.

Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West, #600

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing—Today, we have heard the ancient story of God's love, a story that is still be told, a surprising and wondrous story. As you go forth this week, go with the Spirit of God in your hearts as you write this chapter of your lives with God's love as your guide, and share the Good News, as you serve and enrich the world around you. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on a 17th Century Church Tune

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