

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Psalm 111



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Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower

Shearing

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Holy One
with all you got in the company of this beloved congregation!

All: Great are the works of the Most High!
Full of honor and majesty is God's work,
whose righteousness endures forever.

One: God is gracious and merciful,
providing food to the hungry
and sanctuary to the people.

All: God is faithful and just;
God's teachings are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever.

One: God sent redemption to the people,
offering a covenant forever.
Awesome is God's holy name.

All: The wonder of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
God's power and presence endure forever. Amen.

(Psalm 111)

Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Larson

Message for All Ages

Isaiah 11:1-10

Blessing

Sermon

*Hymn

I Am the Light of the World

Prayers of the People

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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Aria

Solomons

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Praise

Martin

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Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981

In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

F *Unison Introduction*

Refrain
B♭ *C* *F*

"I am the light of the world!"

B♭ *C* *F* *Gm* *Dm* *C*

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!" If you fol-low and love you'll

F *Gm7* *C* *B♭* *F* *B♭* *F* *Last time, end*

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

F *B♭/D* *C* *F*

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the
 2 To find the lost and lone-ly one, to
 3 To free the pris-oner from all chains, to
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Irr.
Jim Strathdee, 1969

Gm Dm C

star in the sky is gone, When the
 heal the bro - ken soul with love, 7 To
 make the pow - er - ful care, To re -
 dance at a ba - by's new birth, 7 To

F Bb C F

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To
 build the na - tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu - sic in an old per - son's heart, and

Dm Bb Gm7 C *Return to*

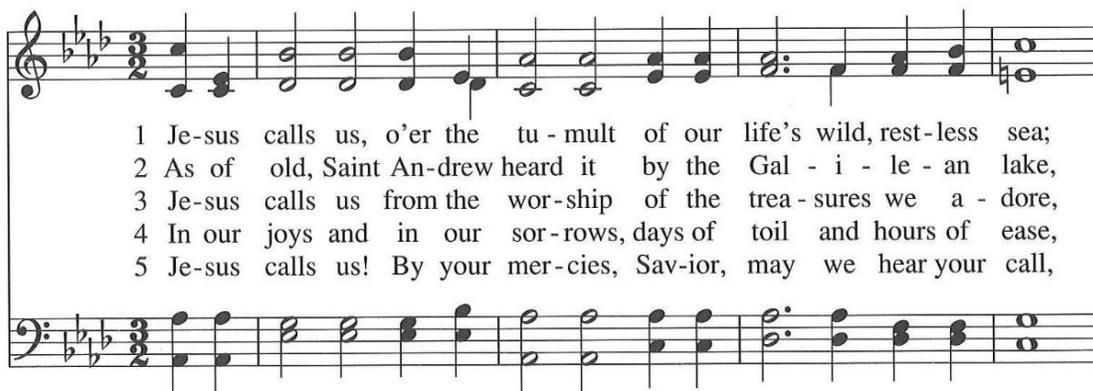
work of Christ-mas is be - gun:
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!
 see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!
 sing to the col - ors of the earth!

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

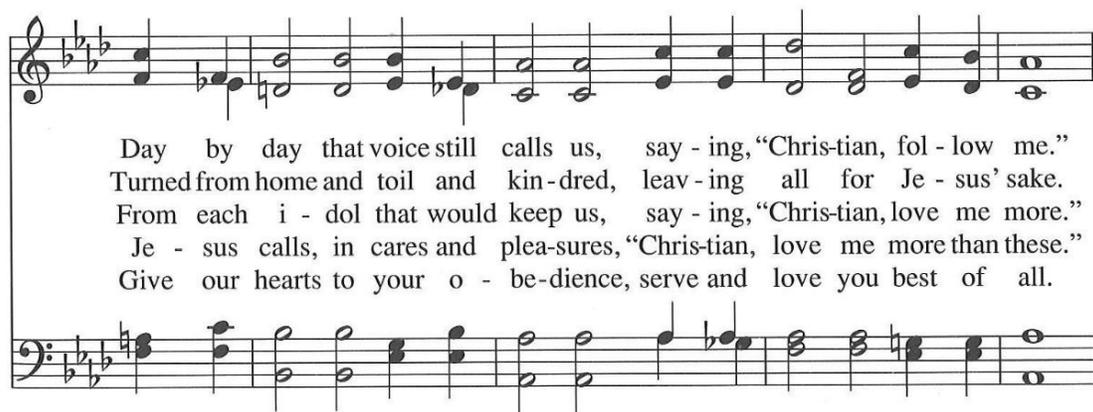
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea-sures we a - dore,
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

Bulletin Reminders

After worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

COME, CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

Larson

*Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia, Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice;*

*praise is His gracious choice,
Alleluia, Amen!*

FAITH WORKSHOP

Teachers Needed

We are excited to be opening up a Pre-K class for our youngest worshippers. We are looking for volunteers to play and to share stories with our kids during Faith Workshop. We have one volunteer, but we need more! We are also looking for teachers for Faith Workshop in Lent. Share the wisdom and love of Jesus with our kids! Contact **Gregory Morisse** or **Leslie Dooley** to learn more!

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

We took a little hiatus over the holidays, but we will get back into the swing of things and hold one *TODAY*, and then return to our planned schedule of 2nd and 4th Sundays, meeting on **February 11** and **February 25**. We gather in the parlor roughly 30 minutes after worship.

SOUP'S ON!

Women's Fellowship will be holding its annual Homemade Soup Sale on Sunday, **February 11**. Containers for soup donations will be available at Coffee Hour *TODAY*, and next Sunday.

BUDGET MEETING

Sunday, February 4

This year, we are streamlining the Budget approval process. There will be one Budget Meeting on Sunday, **February 4**., with time to ask questions and propose amendments...a traditional congregational meeting. As is our custom, we will make 2024 Budget and 2023 Financial documents available ahead of time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Robert, Greg, or anyone from Church Council. The Church made several big decisions in 2023 that make the forecast for 2024 much improved from prior years.