



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 31, 2021 - 9:30 am Online Service

### Prelude

*Sicilienne*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Maria Theresia Von Paradis

### Call to Worship *(responsively)*

In God's sanctuary and in our homes,

**Praise the Lord!**

For all that God does, both big and small,

**Praise the Lord!**

With instruments and song,

**Praise the Lord!**

With all the gifts God has given us,

**Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

### Opening Hymn 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

*(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)*

### Prayer of Confession *(responsively)*

*(adapted from 1 Timothy 1:12-16)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**Paul writes, "I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."**

Lord, we also acknowledge that we have been unfaithful. We have been blasphemers, persecutors, and people of violence. We have sinned and fallen short of your glory.

**But we also know that Paul wrote this: "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life."**

So we ask forgiveness, Lord, for the myriad of ways we have sinned.

**And we trust in your goodness to provide it. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Time with the Children

Kelli Masters

## **Preaching Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*Fruits of the Spirit: Patience*

CASEY THOMPSON

## **Musical Offertory**

*Patiently, I Have Waited*

QUARTET

Camille Saint-Saëns

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in 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.**

## **Closing Hymn 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

*(Hymn located at the end of the bulletin)*

LAUDA ANIMA

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Maestoso and Poco vivace*

NATE ZULLINGER, ORGAN

Camille Saint-Saëns

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, VIA ZOOM**

*The session has called a virtual Congregational Meeting for 10:15 AM, following the 9:30 worship service to seek congregational approval of our elected officers for the coming year and to receive the annual report to the congregation*

## **RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS**

- ◆ We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Elma Niesley on her death January 22, 2021.
- ◆ We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Richard Segermark on his death January 24, 2021.

## **upcoming events**

### **SPECIAL TCP CLOTHING DRIVE - THURSDAY, FEB 4, 3-5 PM**

Have you been cleaning out your closets during this time of isolation? We are having a clothing drive only on Feb 4 from 3-5 pm. Due to restrictions, we have limitations on when, and how we can accept, but TCP needs your items. Please go to the website for full instructions on how to PRESORT and deliver your items. Contact Marty Laird at 484-432-1485 (cell and text) for more information.

### **EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES - VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

WinGs invites all women to attend the 2021 Virtual Women's Retreat Saturday Feb 6, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. The Rev. Katy Shevel will lead the group in Exploring Spiritual Practices. Check out the website for more details and make a reservation by Monday, February 1.

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

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 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

# 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.