

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025 9:00 AM
Order of Worship
(Worship For Life liturgy)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn- 'Sing a New Church' vs. 1, 3-5

vs. 1 Summoned by the God who made us, Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus, Richer still in unity.

(refrain) Let us bring the gifts that differ,
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new Church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

vs. 3 Trust the goodness of creation; Trust the Spirit strong within.

Dare to dream the vision promised, Sprung from seed of what has been. *(refrain)*

vs. 4 Bring the hopes of ev-'ry nation; Bring the art of ev-'ry race.

Weave a song of peace and justice; Let it sound through time and space. *(refrain)*

vs. 5 Draw together at one table, All the human family;

Shape a circle ever wider, And a people ever free. *(refrain)*

Prayer of the Day- **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion so that all creation will see and know you as the Savior. Amen.**

Special Music- 'Love Will Never Fail' Mike Lussenden, soloist

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon- Guest Pastor Kurt Billings

Hymn of the Day- ELW #777 vs. 1-3 'Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty'

Prayers of the People- (response to 'Lord, in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer.')

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offering Meditation

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

All: Gracious God, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you and our gratitude for all that you provide for us. Thank you. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- 'Lamb of God'

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn- ELW #487 'What Feast of Love'

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- 'Go in peace and serve the Lord'

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.

Go and tell gospel news ev-'ry-where.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today,
to bring truth and love to ev-'ry nation.

Dismissal

Postlude

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Musicians:

Sherry Johnson, Director of Music, sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org

Mike Lussenden- Song Leader and Soloist

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Communion Assistants: Bonnie Shucha, Jan Dennison, Elaine Mischler

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