

*the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our hearts and minds in prayer,
let us call on the name of the Lord,
saying: O God of grace, *bless us with peace...*
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven... debts/debtors ...
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE #192 Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Shine, Jesus, Shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— Sending —

HYMN #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (see insert)

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

This is God's Wondrous World

Joshua Allen

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4th Sunday After Epiphany

January 30, 2022

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic letters indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

VIRTUAL WELCOME

PRELUDE

Voluntary on “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Rev. Michele Goff

Joshua Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank you, God, for gathering us.

Remind us again of your love.

*The good news of the gospel is this:
the God of all creation came to dwell among us,
but we crucified this revelation of sacrificial love.*

God went to the depths of hell to gather us all.

In Christ’s resurrection we are drawn again to the presence of God.

This is good news for all who hear.

Liturgist: Claudia Morgan-Gray

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN

When I Lift My Voice

Joshua Allen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Generous God,
when we set our tables,
we imagine who belongs.
We are satisfied to welcome
those who we call our own.
Our boundaries are drawn for our own family,
our own congregation, our own neighborhood.
We limit the seating to those
who make us comfortable,
and lay out the welcome mat
for those who we choose to welcome.
But your kingdom has no boundary.
Before our birth you have known, loved,
and claimed each and every one.
Softener our hearts to those we rage against.
Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table.
Renew us with your abundant mercy and love,
which know no end.*

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.

It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice.

This good news is for you: God claims you, Christ welcomes you,
and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

Thanks be to our God now and forever.

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Bible p. 656, LG p. 854

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE READING

1Corinthians 13:1-13

Bible p. 164, LG p. 212-213

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-31

Bible p. 57-58, LG p. 75

Hear what the Lord is saying to us.

A new teaching, with authority! *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Preaching 101: Love

Rev. Michele Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

HYMN #693

The Gift of Love (Though I May Speak) (see insert)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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;*