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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 2, 2025

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

“Prophet Stories”

Gathering Music DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song Adapted from *Arise, Shine* by Keith Amano

“Lift your eyes, ___ Look a-round, ___ Re-Joice! ___”

Call to Worship Joe M, Liturgist (responsive)

In the midst of a world aching in pain,

We gather together to remember the Good News.

The Spirit of the Living God still moves among us today!

When truth breaks through the lies of evil...

When the oppressed rise up...

When the complicit awaken...

When the hungry, thirsty, and weary are tended with care...

When we recognize each other as beloved...

God takes on flesh among us, in ways great and small.

Thanks be to God, who brings us Life.

Opening Song *We Gather Together* Trad. Melody

We gath-er to-ge-ther to ask for God’s blessing,

To live in com-mu-ni-ty, seek-ing God’s will,

We come now as siblings and neighbors con-fess-ing

The sins that di-vide and the wrong in us still.

All praise to the Spirit, pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.

You of-fer us free-dom, to fol-low or stray.

Em-pow-er-ing all by the hope you en-gen-der.

Grant wis-dom and cour-age to fol-low your way.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Cre-a-tor;

In grate-ful de-vo-tion our trib-bute we bring.

We lay it be-fore you, we kneel and a-dore you;

We bless your ho-ly name, glad praise-es we sing.

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture

Luke 4:14-30

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 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. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song

Here Are Our Hearts

Susan Drake and Julie Jennings

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

Celebrations

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Sharing the Meal

You are invited to partake of your own Bread and Cup.

Communion Song: *One Bread, One Body*

One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, through-out the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Closing Song

The Jesus in Me (2x)

The Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you,
the Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you,
so easy, so easy, so easy, so easy to love.

Sending Music

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