

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J. S. Bach

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

**nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the Lord;**

*who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.*

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Lord, that in our human foolishness, we often seek to appear wise. Help us discern the wisdom of your ways and the truth of your Word. We confess that we seek our own way, follow our own call, and make decisions that serve our own needs rather than others. We let you down, we let others down, and we let ourselves down. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!
With all the an - gel choir re - jice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Anthem

With What Shall I Come Before the Lord?

Jane Marshall

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Glory to God hymnal 395

**Blessed Jesus, at your word
We have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy,
Teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**

First Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

NT p. 4

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Hal Collums

NT p. 156

Sermon

So, Whatever Happened to Ruby Turpin?

Jewell-Ann Parton

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven**

**not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

◆ Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Prayers of the Congregation and 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;
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.**

Offertory

You Got to Get Low

William Allen Pasch
Max Cook, tenor

You got to get low, get low like our lowly King Jesus.
The lowly shall inherit God's kingdom of grace.
When invited to the banquet hall,
humbly take the lowest place of all.
For the meek shall inherit the earth,
blest are they who know humility's worth.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, we offer these gifts in the hope that they will bring justice to those in need; we pray
that they will help others learn to love in kindness and to walk in humility. May those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness find blessing, and those who mourn for the state
of the world find peace. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to respond
by bringing forward our Presbytery Hunger Offering for hunger relief work.

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Passing of the Peace

*May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Postlude

Psalm 77

Jacques van Oortmerssen

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Irv Brownfield, from the Brownfield family.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, January 29

Souper Bowl Collection Ends

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Youth Group meet in Rite 13 for Souper Bowl results and lunch,
followed by bowling (pick up at Bowling Alley)

12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Monday, January 30

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

Wednesday, February 1

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap (off site)

7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wednesday Wind Down (off site)

Thursday, February 2

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Friday, February 3

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert Series in the Sanctuary, featuring Jonathan Dimmock

Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting in the Upper Lounge

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

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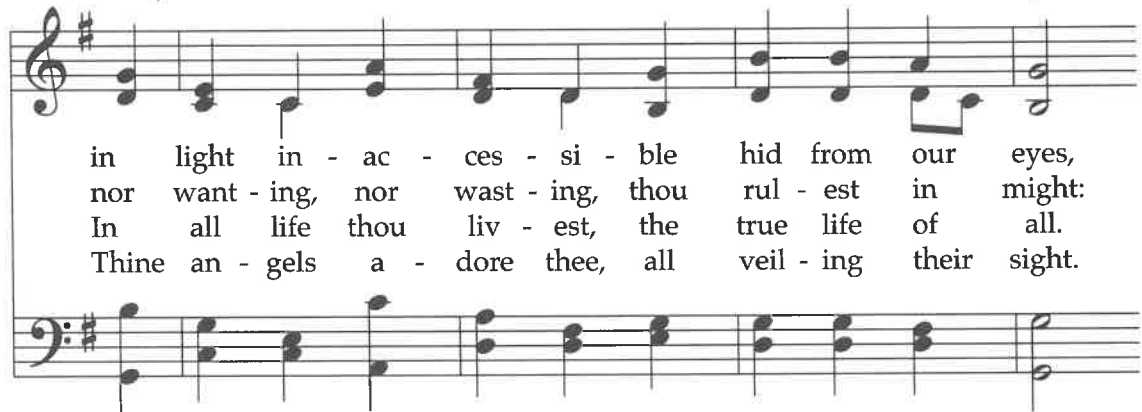
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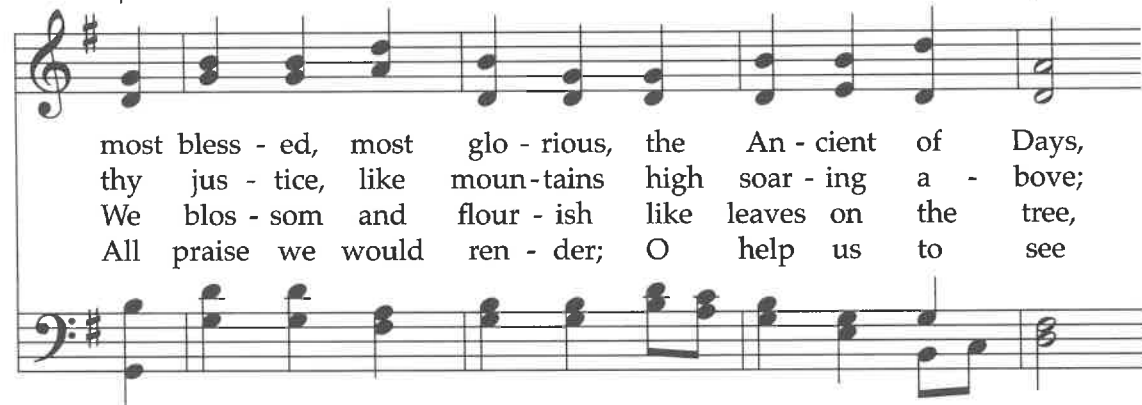
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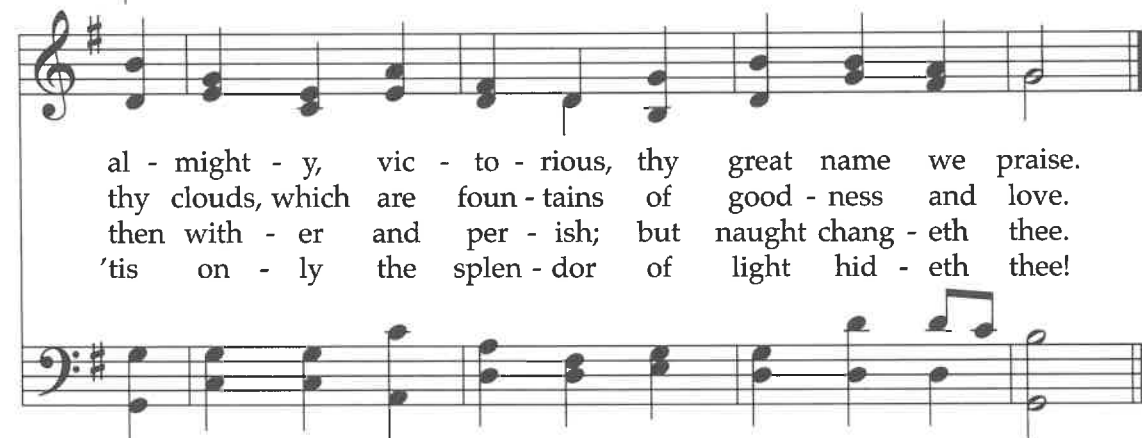
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



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.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.