

Worship for February 4, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Psalm 147

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

God is our Lord, and abundant in power.

God's understanding is beyond measure.

*Hymn 335 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Call to Confession

Isaiah exclaims, "Have you not seen? Have you not heard? "The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary," but comes to us to renew our strength and restore us to right relationship with God and others.

Prayer

O God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, we confess our feelings of anxiety and uncertainty, doubt and fear, brought on by winter illnesses, extreme weather events, acts of senseless violence, and other threats. We mourn our losses, thinking of what might have been. We look for help, but, sometimes it seems you are far away. Remind us that you are present to us, and to all your vulnerable children, to comfort and to bless in times of suffering and need. Renew our strength and restore our joy that we might mount up with wings like eagles to carry out each day's purpose. Amen.

*Hymn 698 Take, O Take Me As I Am

Assurance of Pardon

The God who fashioned the stars and the moon has come close to each of us with mercy and love. Hear the good news of the gospel: We are forgiven and freed to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Time With Our Young Disciples

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

The Morning Message

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

*Hymn Gloria Patri

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Hymn Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O God.

Through your goodness, we have been blessed with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Use us, and what we have gathered, to strengthen your kingdom on earth and benefit those who have need in body, mind, or circumstance.

We offer our gifts through Jesus Christ, who died that we might live. Amen.

*Hymn 19 Praise Him! Praise Him!

*Blessing

Go now, and follow Christ wherever he leads you.

By the grace of God, be all you have been called to be,
and cast wide the net of God's love.

Remind one another of the good news, and hold fast to your saving faith.

In peace, go out to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Postlude