



February 2, 2025
 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

CENTERING

PRELUDE

Adoration

Composer: Florentine B. Price, 1887-1953
 Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WELCOME

Pam Kessler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

ONE:	Come with your questions, come with your awe!
ALL:	For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.
ONE:	Come with your energy, come with your weariness!
ALL:	For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.
ONE:	Come with your sadness, come with your joy!
ALL:	For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.
ONE:	Gracious God,

ALL:	Just as Jesus went up on the mountain to pray, may we too find space for prayer and rest. Open us to the movement of Your Spirit. Fill us with Your wisdom and deepen our understanding of Your wondrous love. Lead and Guide us as we worship you. Amen.
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WORD

ANTHEM

Total Praise

Composer: Richard Smallwood, b. 1948

Publisher: Boosey & Hawkes

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Dr. Michael Wu, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:1-16

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*HYMN #99

My Tribute

Words and Music: Andraé Crouch, 1971

Congregation and Choir Chancel

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

WONDER

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Kris Neale, Ministry Intern and Stewards

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Let us pray:

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that often we have failed to be
an obedient Church.**

We have not done your will; we have broken your law;

We have rebelled against your love;

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's Love toward us."

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

GLORY TO GOD. AMEN.

(Invitation to pass the peace, prepare the elements)

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

Disability Awareness Sunday

Denise Bryant

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

*HYMN #430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Words: Washington Gladden, 1879

Music: H. Percy Smith
Congregation and Chancel Choir
Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

POSTLUDE

Evening Song

Composer: David Hurd, b. 1950

Music in the anthology The AGO 90th Anniversary Anthology of American Organ Music

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Dr. Michael Wu, Organ

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford

Altar Guild for February: Susan Jones

Audio Visual Volunteers: Brian Jones, Debbie Spriggs and Eric Winchenbach

Chat Room Host: Mary Stark

Communion Stewards: Hannah Coppersmith, Aurelia, Cora and Ryan Miller and Emily Sama-Miller

Congregational Welcome: Pam Kessler

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Liturgist: Nancy Kuhn

Nursery Staff: Mary Gordon and Tessa Ricketts

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Sunday School Teachers - Middle School Grades: Dave Cope and Chuck Spencer

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