

January 31, 2015
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude: Elevation Francois Couperin Le Grand
Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #252 *O Word of God Incarnate*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *This Is The Day*

Call to Worship

One: Come, People of God, to the one in whom we trust. Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

All: God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress. God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

One: Hope in God, who has created you. Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

All: God accepts us, even when people do not. God affirms us, even when we fail.

One: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them. God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

All: We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith. We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows

change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. Yet keep us from insisting on our own way, which may not be your way. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 71:1-6

(Page 654 OT in the pew bible)

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10

(Page 854 OT in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

***Hymn:** #354 *Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *I Will Praise You* Joseph Martin

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:21-30

(Page 75 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Coming Home"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Hear our Prayer, O God*

***Hymn:** #470 *God of the Prophets*

Benediction

Choral Response: Sevenfold Amen

Postlude: Chaconne Louis Couperin

(* Please stand if able.)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

Our hosts today are Karin Noyes and Betsy Beck.

Our ushers today are Bob Weber & Vince Hanlon.

Our Lay Reader today is Betsy Beck.

Prayer List

Alan Weinberg, Sarah and Pete Courtright, David Bernier, Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, family and friends of Martha Johnson, Mary Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucceri, Bruce McEver, Jim Aitchison, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Dick Dwelley and Louise "Weezie" Hannegan.

Pastor Diane returns from sabbatical leave today.

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Calendar For the Week

Wednesday 10:30 am Scoville Memorial
Library's Toddler Story Time in
the Parish Hall
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat
4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Friday 8 am Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday 11:30 am Trustees Meeting

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW HYMNAL INPUT NEEDED

The Music Committee is looking into updating our Pilgrim Hymnal, which was first published in 1931 and subsequently renewed in 1935,1958 and 1962. With your input they would make a recommendation to the Church Council. Please stop by the second floor Conference Room whenever the church is open. You are invited to sample hymnals and complete a short survey to leave in the box. Signing the survey is optional.

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED

The Board of Christian Action is again collecting winter clothing for Bridgeport. Please bring your gently used or new coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, and gloves to the Parish Hall and place in the yellow chest in the hallway. They will be greatly appreciated by those in need this winter!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

There will be no church cancellations due to inclement weather, unless the Governor has shut the roads down. Please use your judgement when deciding to come to church.

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