



February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Is This Not Bread

Rudolph

Call to Worship

Let us gather to listen deeply.

Word of God, speak.

Let us gather with childlike faith.

Ageless wisdom, reveal.

Word of God, speak.

Your servants are listening.

Sandy Bruner

Opening Prayer

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day.

Speak words of wisdom and faith.

Open our hearts and minds

to perceive your message of love,

even when it's hard to hear.

Strengthen our faith to answer your call,

even when we don't feel confident or capable.

Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love,

that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love

to the world. Amen.

Hymn

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 154

Passing the Peace of Christ

Sandy Bruner

Let us speak with words of love and with gestures of peace, as we share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Come Now to the Table

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Preparation

All Praying

Speak to us, Lord, through these scriptures.

Remind us again of your everlasting power.

May we know your story and our place within it.

**May we remember your mighty works and deeds,
that we might know that you are the God of all ages.**

May we claim your promise and share your love.

We are listening, Lord; speak to us today. Amen

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn**

Change My Heart, O God

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Sermon

"The Attitude of Christ"

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Sandy Bruner

As a sign of our love for God, God's church, and God's creation, let us share our gifts and offerings.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

A Memory

Thompson

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

Sandy Bruner

Bless these gifts, O God,

with your love, your strength, and your presence.

May the ministries this offering supports be a sign

of your love, strength, and presence in the world.

Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Larry

Come freely, for this table of grace is here for all.

Come confidently, for this table of love offers blessings beyond our wildest dreams.

Come humbly, for this table is set by Christ,

who humbled himself to both live and die

in his great love for us.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING with Music Response

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God!

Celebrate God's love!

It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

We give thanks and praise to you,
God of love and grace!
We celebrate the creative presence
that called forth this glorious earth
and the heavens above.
We praise and glorify you
for creating us in your very image.
We celebrate the long history
you traveled with us, as you called us
to be your light and love for the world,
and as you claimed us as your own.
We are humbled and grateful for the many times
you guided us along the way—
reclaiming us in our grumbling,
redirecting us in our wandering,
comforting us in our loneliness,
and steadfastly loving us with your grace.
From ancient days and ancient voices,
you have shown us the path
of love, justice and righteousness.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

In the fullness of time, you came to us
in the presence of Jesus, the Christ,
showing us the way of strength and trust,
calling us to discipleship,
and inviting us to walk the path of love.
Even when faced with impending death,
Christ gave thanks and blessed the fruit
of your good earth,
offering not only bread and wine,
but the bread of life and the wine of salvation.
We remember his prophetic words:
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many.”
As we walk this journey of life,
we remember these gifts,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Communion Prayer

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
that we might be disciples of your love and grace.
Pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine,
that your life and love might flow through us.
Guide us in love by your Spirit,
that we might be one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at the heavenly banquet.
Through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever more.
Amen.

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 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn

More Love to Thee

UMH 453

Prayer of Thanksgiving (All Praying)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GOING FORTH WITH JOY

***Closing Hymn**

Precious Name

UMH 536

***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241

The spirit sends us forth to serve;

We go in Jesus' name

To bring glad tidings to the poor,

God's favor to proclaim.

***Postlude**

The Rock of Salvation

Ritter

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

*Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.*

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

*Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.*

*You are the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.*

*This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

*2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek,
give what is best.*

*This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

*3. Let sorrow do its work,
come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

*4. Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

PRECIOUS NAME

*Take the name of Jesus with you,
child of sorrow and of woe;
it will joy and comfort give you;
take it then, where'er you go.*

Refrain:

***Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.***

*2. Take the name of Jesus ever,
as a shield from every snare;
if temptations round you gather,
breathe that holy name in prayer.*

(Refrain)

*3. O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
when his loving arms receive us,
and his songs our tongues employ!*

(Refrain)

*4. At the name of Jesus bowing,
falling prostrate at his feet,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,
when our journey is complete.*

(Refrain)