



Sunday, January 28, 2024

4th Sunday After Epiphany

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

- CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY -

Greeters: Gale & Tom Whitworth, Wendy & Henry Hershey, Sonteary & Saron Keat, Barb & Ron Mable

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Joyce Shaffer, Linda Keener, Phyllis Thompson

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Ann Cary

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Bell Prelude

"My Heart Rejoices"

by D. Hakes

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

* Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.

People: This is our Sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Leader: We give thanks that once more God has brought us together,

People: that we might worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Peace to all who enter here and blessing to all who go from here.

All: Let us worship the Living God!

* Opening Hymn #151

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Holy and all-powerful God who comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are often unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, and make us new. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: The God who made you and knows your thoughts hears you now and forgives you. You are redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

**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.**

*At this time, children through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Choir Anthem "Sov'reign Lord, Creator, Righteous One" by Mary McDonald

Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28

Message "A Day Like Any Other Day" Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering *Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex*

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn "This Is A Time To Remember"

* Charge and Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Organ Postlude *PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

The annual meeting of the congregation will begin immediately following the Postlude

**MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
 JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
 DANIEL DROZ, BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR
A/V: MARK ANDERSON & JERRY ROTHACKER**

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.