



The Celebration of Worship

Jan 31, 2021 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Zoom Moderator: Lori Hart

Welcome and Announcements

Veronica Gould

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship (adapted from Acts 7)

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: The Most High doesn't dwell in houses made by human hands. What kind of house can we build for our God?

People: God is beyond the farthest star and deep in the foundations of the earth.

Leader: The Holy One is a restless Spirit, bringing life to all.

People: Let us join in the movement of the Spirit, celebrating the God who dwells in our hearts by faith.

Confession Prayer

Betsy Eskridge

All: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by You. We know that before You nothing remains hidden, and in You everything is revealed. Liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in Your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from This Far by Faith, River of Life setting for worship)

Assurance of God's Grace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

All: Amen.

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Response to God's Forgiveness (spoken)

Betsy Eskridge

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Veronica Gould

Hymn

"God Has Spoken"

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Betsy Eskridge

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Psalm Reading: Psalm 111:9-10

Miyo Uchida

You have sent deliverance to Your people and established Your covenant forever. Your Name is holy and awe-inspiring! Reverence for You is the beginning of wisdom; and those who have it prove themselves wise. Your praise will last forever!

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-60

Betsy Eskridge

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we all possess knowledge. But knowledge puffs up, whereas love builds up. You may think you know something, but you still won't know it the way you ought. But anyone who loves God is known-- completely-- by God. Well then, what about eating foods sacrificed to idols? We know that idols have no real existence, that there is no God but the One. Even though there are so-called gods in the heavens-- and on the earth as well where there seem to be many gods and sovereigns-- for us there is only One God, Abba God, from whom all things come and for whom we live; there is one Sovereign, Jesus Christ, through whom everything was made and through whom we live.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Veronica Gould

They came to Capernaum; and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began to teach. The people were spellbound by the teaching, because Jesus taught with an authority that was unlike their religious scholars. Suddenly a person with an unclean spirit appeared in their synagogue. It shrieked, "What do you want from us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." Jesus rebuked the spirit sharply: "Be quiet! Come out of that person!" At that the unclean spirit convulsed the possessed one violently, and with a loud shriek it came out. All who looked on were amazed. They began to ask one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- and with such authority! This person gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey." Immediately news of Jesus spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

Veronica Gould

"American Idol"

Musical Offering

Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection.***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Betsy Eskridge

Doxology (spoken)

Betsy Eskridge

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Betsy Eskridge

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Veronica Gould

Lori Hart

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Veronica Gould

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Coffee Time Hosts

No coffee time this week.