



Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown." Luke 4:24

## GATHERING

*Prelude:* "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" S. Townend

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world.

**People: We gather to name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.**

Leader: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us.

**People: We gather to encounter the life-giving message of God's love that redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.**

Leader: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us.

**People: The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. We are ready. Thanks be to God! AMEN**

Hymn: #688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

\*Prayer of the Day

**We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call.**

**You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Meditation: "Sun of My Soul" arr. W. Auld  
Sun of my soul! Thou Savior dear, It is not night if Thou be near;  
. . . Abide with me from morn till eve, For without Thee I cannot live.

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30 Jesus Visits Home

Sermon: "The Cost of Truth"

Response: "Lead Me Lord" – a Sung Prayer

Call to Commitment

Leader: In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope.

**People: In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace.**

Leader: In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion.

**People: In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your love.**

Leader: In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy.

**ALL: May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to whisper. to sing, and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world. And may our quietly prophetic lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. AMEN**

(Written by John van de Laar and posted on Sacredise.com. Re-posted on the Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Epiphany%204%20C>)

Hymn: #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring our offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In Christ's holy name, we pray. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Charge and Benediction

May the Holy Spirit bless you with inspiration to recognize and pay attention to all the ways the Word of God springs to life around you in the familiar rhythms and customs of your day, so that you may find and bring God's love, peace, and hope wherever you go. AMEN

*Postlude:*  
(please remain seated)

"Blessed Assurance"

Knapp, arr. W. Auld

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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