



GOOD
SHEPHERD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Service for the Lord's Day
January 23, 2022 ~ 10:00 am
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Large Print Edition*

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer for the Day

Disturb us, O Lord when we are too well-pleased with ourselves when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, O Lord when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life' when, having fallen in love with time, we have ceased to dream of eternity' and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of Heaven to grow dim. Stir us, O Lord to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas where storms show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. In the name of Creator who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow. Amen.

~Desmond Tutu

Gathering Music

Jeremy Kurn

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Jeremy Kurn

*Call to Worship

Liturgist Fred Finke

One: People of God, Divine Mystery comes to dwell among us. With hospitality, let us turn our attention to the Spirit.

All: We welcome unfamiliar ideas. We open to surprising revelations.

We celebrate a multiplicity of truths.

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Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an asterisk * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

One: People of God, there is freedom in letting go of the need to be certain. Let us trade individual arrogance for collective humility:

All: That fresh wisdom may emerge, love may deepen, and paths of collective liberation may manifest. Come, Spirit, come.

*Lighting the Christ Candle (unison) Fred Finke

We give thanks for the light of hope – unrelenting and inexplicable.

We give thanks for the light of peace – strong and unafraid.

We give thanks for the light of joy – persistent and unpredictable

We give thanks for the light of love – hot and holy.

Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #463 *How Firm a Foundation* (next page)

*Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry

God of incredible patience, we confess that our love is not always what we might hope it would be. We focus so much on ourselves; the needs of others fade in significance. Faithful Deliverer of our lives, forgive us and have mercy on us. As you rescue us from ourselves, may we become your people. As you touch us with faith, may we be witnesses to the world of your dreams. As you pour out hope upon us, may we be your compassion to those who hurt. As you drench us with your love which comes to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we be made whole.

*Assurance of God's Love

God is an invitation. A chance to do things differently. Always before us, God is the possibility of collective change. We are not left powerless.

Every day there are openings. Every day a chance to choose what is right.

Every day an opportunity to repattern the world. Amen

*Response of Praise #137 *He Came Down that We Might Have Love (v. 1 & 2)*

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Fred Finke

Be light to our path.

Be hope to our world.

Be born in our hearts again this year. Amen.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Fred Finke

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Walk With Your God

The Chancel Choir

Reta J. Bell Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Second Lesson

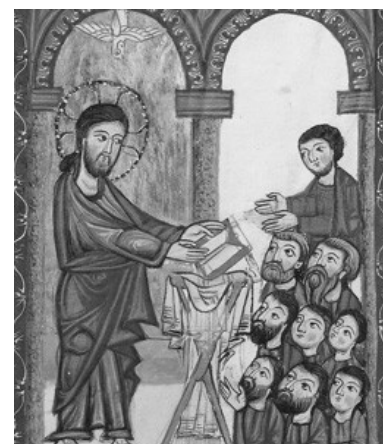
Luke 4:21-30

Sermon

What Went Wrong?

Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection



RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Fred Finke

We believe in God the Creator, maker of all things.

We believe in God's Son Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life and light.

We belong to the Church, God's family everywhere. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Jeremy Kurn

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sheri Fry

**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.**

Hymn #162

O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench

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O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench 162

1 O car - pen - ter, why leave the bench where
 2 O car - pen - ter, why leave the tools to
 3 O car - pen - ter, why leave the world of
 4 O car - pen - ter, why leave re - pairs with
 5 O car - pen - ter, who else could do the

wood yields to your art, and take in - stead, to
 car - ry out your plans, and go in - stead to
 ta - ble, bed, and house, to face the em - pire's
 wood and clamp and glue, and rise from death to
 work that you have done? What can we do but

try your skill, the ston - y hu - man heart?
 do God's work with emp - ty, o - pen hands?
 car - pen - try, to lift a Ro - man cross?
 seek in - stead to make the whole world new?
 sing your praise, O Sav - ior, Mar - y's son!

Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

Jeremy Kurn

*Doxology Hymn #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (next page)

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response *Surely the Presence*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude

Jeremy Kurn

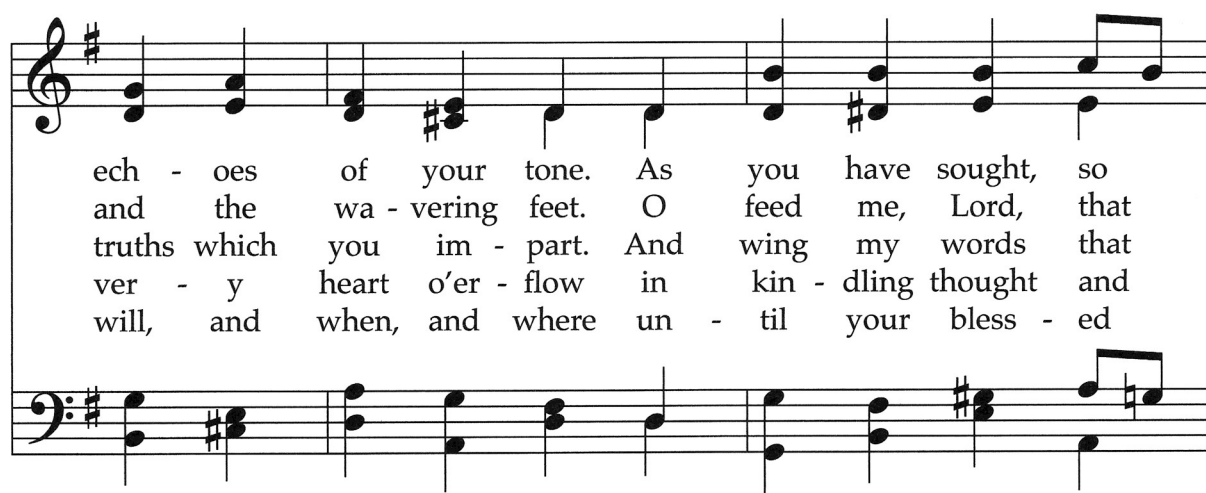
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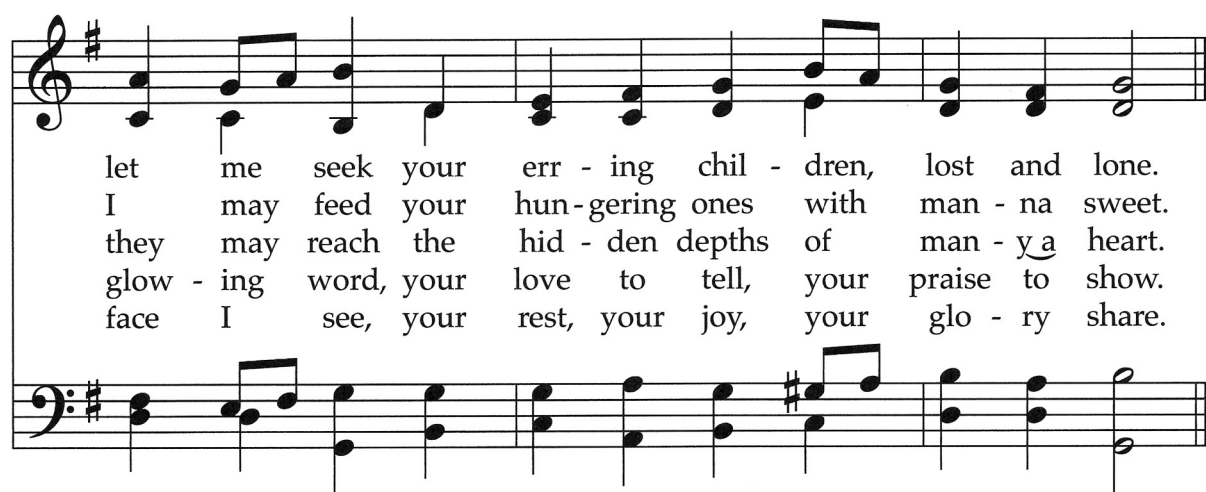
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.



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Opportunities This Week

Monday - Men's Shed 10 am - noon
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:10 - 7:45 pm

Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Spoiler Alert! Hand bells are playing on Valentines Sunday, Feb. 13! Know some folks who would love to hear them? Help us spread the word!

Birthdays

Desiree Rouse - February 1st

Please remember to sign the birthday card in the narthex.



MASJID IKHLAS
METRO DENVER NORTH ISLAMIC CENTER

Call for Volunteers

Help sort, organize and distribute donations for Afghan refugees.

Tuesday:
Jan. 18, 25
Feb. 1, 8, 15

Thursday:
Jan. 20, 27
Feb. 3, 10, 17

9:30- 11:30

Saturday:
Jan. 29*
Feb. 5, 12
9:30- 12:00

*Need extra volunteers 1/29.



Text "**VOLUNTEER**"
to: (989) 445-4527
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Your Church at Work

FOOD BANK

Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Third Saturday of the month 9 am - 12 pm. Need donations of toilet paper, bar soap and dry CAT food.



The Food Bank would like to have a few backpacks (new or gently used) for our homeless clients. See Becky Van Dyke.



Joys and Concerns



Congratulations to Teddie McConnell, who is now a Commissioned Pastor in the Presbyterian Church! This took five years of classes and internships to accomplish.

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Marion H.; Jim M.; Bill L.; Jane; Haylee; Jason; Gil; Tammy Vaugh; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; the Seibel family; and the Coleman family; and for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

SERMON MUSINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10 & Luke 4:21-30

Jeremiah described God's call for him to prophesy when he was only a boy. God told Jeremiah that God knew him from the time he was conceived to be a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah, similar to Moses, told God he didn't know how to speak. Jeremiah was still young. God, however, told Jeremiah not to be afraid, not to say he was just a boy...he was God's prophet.

In the Gospel lesson Jesus came out of the wilderness and began his preaching ministry in his hometown of Nazareth, where he read from the scroll of Isaiah and declared that day the scripture was fulfilled in their hearing. The Isaiah scroll stated that the Spirit of the Lord was upon the prophet, to bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, release to the prisoners, and other good news to all who are marginalized.

At first, Jesus' neighbors in his hometown liked what he said. However, when Jesus responded that no prophet is truly accepted in their hometown, and how Elijah and Elisha were sent to foreigners instead of the people of Israel during difficult times, Jesus' neighbors grew angry and wanted to throw him off a cliff. Apparently, they

didn't like the message that the good news wasn't necessarily for them, but for others. They wanted to hear words of comfort, not challenge. They wanted to hear that the good news was for themselves, but not necessarily that the good news is for other people, too.

