

**Order of Worship**  
**January 29, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Fourth Sunday after Christmas**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 15)

Leader: O LORD, who may abide in your tabernacle? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right; those who speak the truth from their hearts; those who do not slander with their tongues, and do no evil to their friends; those who stand by their oaths even to their own hurt and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

Leader: Who may abide in God's holy presence?

**People: All those who live blamelessly and do what is right in the eyes of God.**

\*Hymn: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" # 145

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**God of Glory, we confess that we have not always sought your face. We demand signs of your love for us and rely upon our own strength for life. Yet, you have given us all we need in Christ Jesus. Forgive us for our lack of trust in you; give us grace for another day. Teach us what it means to be truly wise and good and blessed. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response: "**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**" # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "The Blessed in God's Kingdom"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" # 357

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" # 369

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: "God Be with You"