

Order of Worship
January 28, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Joy to the World" (verses 2 & 4) # 40

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 111:1 & 9-10)

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**People: In the company of the upright, in the congregation,
we will praise God's name.**

Leader: God sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

All: Holy and awesome is our God: we will praise his name forever.

*Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" # 288

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

God, Our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful people. You call on us to change our wicked ways, yet we do not listen to your warnings. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we continue to live as we always have. You give us good news to share, yet we remain silent and afraid. Forgive us. Help us to follow you more closely and to bear witness to the good news of your kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, 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: Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: "A Sabbath Encounter"

Largely based on a sermon by Scott Hoezee

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Power in the Blood" insert

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 Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of man?

A. Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. How does it appear that there is a God?

A. The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but his Word and Spirit only, do sufficiently and effectually reveal him unto humanity for their salvation.

Q. 3. What is the Word of God?

A. The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace" # 280

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "Amen"