

Celebration of Worship
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Contemplation

“What is the difference between the word ‘Disciple’ and the word ‘Apostle’? The word ‘disciple’ means ‘student,’ and a student is one who learns. The word ‘apostle’ means ‘one who is sent out,’ and the work of the apostle is to teach, in this case to spread the Word of God. Just as a teacher was once a student, one who is going to be an apostle must first be a disciple.”

Tehinda Fabrice Mbuna

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

We Offer Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able.

* SONG *Will You Come and Follow Me* Insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

God Shows Grace and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23) Are we followers of Christ?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

With the help of God’s Spirit/Breath we are followers of Christ. We are disciples, students of the Risen Christ. We do not always follow as we should. We prefer to go our own way. Free us from our determination to do what we want.

We come with empty hands, asking that you fill them. We come with open wills, asking that you guide us. We come with willing spirits, that you might mold us. Help us to follow you more nearly, each day new again. In the name of the Master, Jesus Christ, Amen.

GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED

Leader: Through Christ we are forgiven.

All: As disciples, students of Jesus, in all humility and service let us continually follow wherever Christ leads.

God Speaks with a Heart of Love

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Song *Lessons About Love* Rambo
Children’s Choir

Message *Blankets +Sunday Presentation*

Prayer
(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Jeremiah 1:1-10* CEB

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 5:1-11* CEB

MESSAGE *Who Do You Say That I Am?*
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

