SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 30, 2022**

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** Lord, When I Came into This Life Sam Batt Owens

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by your name.

Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

**INTROIT** Let Us Build A House Tune: TWO OAKS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN** No. 35 *Tune:* LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lord God of grace and mercy, help us make the Psalmist’s prayer our own: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Lord, help us to dispense with the old, unclean spirit of anxiety, greed, jealousy, hostility, self-pity or whatever else afflicts us. Make us aware of our sin and eager to confess it and turn away from it so that we may get on with the tasks that build your kingdom. Lead us into the way of worship and witness, the receiving and giving of mercy, and the hearing and telling of truth. Lord, we know that you are faithful to us. Help us to be faithful to you in all things, at all times, in all places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PETITION** Tune: PROSPECT

O search me, God, my heart reveal, renew my life, my spirit heal.

For I am yours, I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**  No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

**SOLO** Lord of All HopefulnessAllan Bullard

Diane Ricks, soloist

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gather up our worries and fears, our hopes and joys, O God, and help us in this hour to know

your love for us, your will for our lives and your promise that you can use us to do the work of

your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Jeremiah 1:4-10 Page 698

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 4:21-30 Page 61

**SERMON** “Don’t Try Taming the Sovereign Grace of God” Dr. Williams

*“All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.*

*They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’” Luke 4:22*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father’s presence. He put God’s claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God’s worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God’s reality and rule. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God’s presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see. Amen.

**\*HYMN** No. 691 *Tune:* LAND OF REST

Lord, When I Came into This Life

**THE PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

**\*HYMN** No. 722 *Tune:* CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

###### **\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 726

###### Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

###### Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

###### Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

###### will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

**\*POSTLUDE** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Johann Gottfried Walther

**\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**THREE ADULT CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.  
WHERE THEY MEET AND WHAT THEY ARE STUDYING**

**Covenant/Fidelis Class** is led by Bob Morgan and meets in Room 115. Their topic is, “Galatians and the Fruits of the Spirit.”

**Sojourners Class** has Howard Crawford as the teacher and meets in Room 209. They will read Max Lucado’s, “Life Lessons from Luke,” a 12-chapter study of the Gospel of Luke.

**Timothy Class** is taught by Eric McManus and meets in Imlay House. They will follow the lectionary Scripture readings assigned for each Sunday.