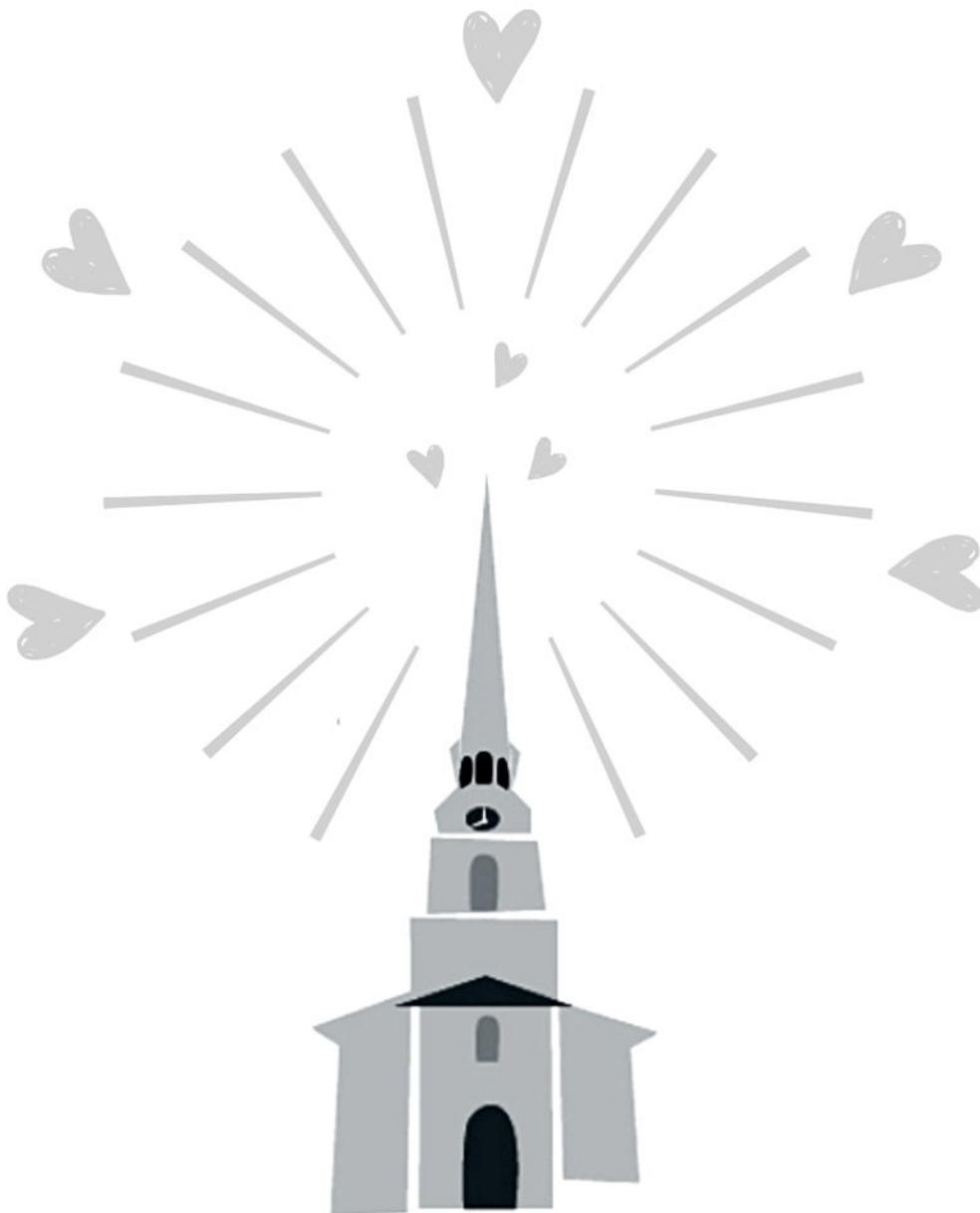


WESTFIELD CHURCH
SERVICE OF WORD & FONT
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 29, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.
** Please rise in body or spirit*



GATHER

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Holy is the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes,
in public spaces and our interior lives.

Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and evenings, and throughout the week.

Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God's greatness.

OPENING PRAYER

May those without hope take heart in you, O Christ.

May those with no home find shade at your right hand.

May those near the end see beginnings; may those at the last become first.

At the foot of your cross, O Christ, I come in prayer.

O Christ, be my help. O Christ, be our hope. Amen

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*OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

5
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
9
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

9
thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
13
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

13
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus, we receive your blessings
and pray for the Holy Spirit to make them real in our lives.
Renew a right spirit within us, a poor spirit,
a spirit that knows our deep need of your grace and deliverance.
Living Water, soften our hard hearts with the gift of tears.
Help us mourn our brokenness and the brokenness of our world.
Generous Savior, you fill each person with gifts, talents, and strength.
Open us to meekness,
so we may gladly surrender them to your authority and discipline.
In our hands, they are often weapons.
Bread of Life, sour every false and destructive appetite,
so we may hunger and thirst for righteousness alone- a right relationship with you,
a right relationship with others, a right relationship
with ourselves, a right relationship with your creation.
Suffering One, break our hearts as yours is broken.
In the breaking, create in us clean hearts, pure hearts, undivided hearts.
Hearts ready to make peace.
Hearts ready to suffer for justice, truth, and the common good.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

Jesus, we bless you and honor you for your unending mercy,
a flood of grace, pouring out and spilling over.
We receive your mercy. We receive your blessings
and pray for the Holy Spirit to make them real in our lives. **Amen.**

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SUNG RESPONSE

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
3 and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
6 and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free!
9 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 12/8 time signature. It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 12/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second line begins with a measure rest (3) and continues the melody. The third line begins with a measure rest (6) and continues the melody. The fourth line begins with a measure rest (9) and concludes the piece with a double bar line.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

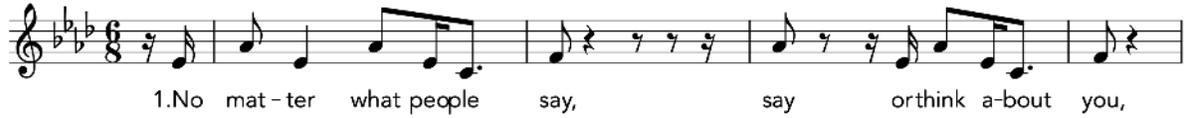
Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God
5 I've been washed in the foun - tain, wrapped in God's love!
10 Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod;
14 For I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second line begins with a measure rest (5) and continues the melody. The third line begins with a measure rest (10) and continues the melody. The fourth line begins with a measure rest (14) and concludes the piece with a double bar line.

BLESS

We embody God's love by blessing others.



HEAR

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

CHILDREN'S TIME

*All are invited to sing as the children come join the pastor in the front of the sanctuary.
Jesus Loves Me*



Children under 6 wishing to take part in Sunday School may leave at this time.

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HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of
the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of
slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak
of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of
the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. Then he began to speak, and
taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, f
or they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

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RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE LESSON

Through this scripture, God is still speaking.

And we are listening!

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Chapman

RESPONSE

We begin our life of responding to the gospel through prayer and offering.

SHARING OF CONCERNS

For all these persons
and all who are in need.

Hold your people near, O God.

SHARING OF JOYS

We give thanks to God
for these blessings.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER

Holy Ground

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We are stand - ing on ho - ly gro - und and I know that there are an - gels all a - round. Let us praise Je - sus now. We are stand - ing in his presence on ho - ly ground." The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a measure rest. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVE

When Jesus calls his disciples, he promises to transform the gifts they already possess to be used for the glory and kingdom of God. Let us offer our resources in following Jesus.
We will now begin our morning offering.

OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*DOXOLOGY

Here I am Lord



14 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will

21 go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Great God, receive our gifts of ourselves and our resources
for the benefit and building of your realm.
Amen.**

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SEND

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world.

*HYMN

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
2. Come! **O-pen your heart!** Show your **mer-cy** to **all those in fear!**
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!



We are called to be light for the king - dom,
We are called to be hope for the hope - less
God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er



to live in the free-dom of the cit - y of God!
so all ha - tred and blindness will be no more!
as sis - ters and broth-ers u - nit-ed in love!



We are called to act with justice, we are called to love ten-der - ly,



we are called to serve one an - other, to walk humbly with God!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BIBLE STUDY** will resume on February 7th at 6pm. All welcome! No prior knowledge necessary. BYOB—bring your own Bible (Don't worry. We've got extras if you need them!)
- We are bringing back **SOUP ON SUNDAYS!** We are offering a free soup supper every Sunday thru March. All are welcome, this is a wonderful time to visit, meet new friends, and have a warm meal that you did not have to prepare!
- **ST. VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE BAZAAR is on February 12 from 12p-4p.** We need volunteers to help out (we're meeting after worship today in the Library—join us!). We also need all kinds of chocolatey and/or Valentine-y treats. From cookies to cakes to pies to candies, you name it! Drop off for those items in Saturday, February 11 from 9a-11a.
- On February 12 at 10am we'll have our super ridiculous, super fun **BEATLES SUNDAY!** Join us as we sing the most famous band of all time's best songs and worship God all at the same time. In-person only.

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

We LOVE kids at Westfield. Children are welcome to stay through the whole service. If your child is more active, relax! We believe God put the wiggles and giggles in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of worship. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

There are paper hangers in the pews; feel free to use them as doodle space for your kiddos.

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