

ORDER OF SERVICE
30 January 2022
Epiphany 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	He's the Mighty One of Israel	CCLI# 24085	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	So You Would Come Come as You Are	P&W 821/SCE 40/ CCLI#2109042 CCLI#7017790	Fiona Binney
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			Rev Allan Smith
Children's Story			Emily/Selena
Song	Community of Christ	TIS 473/CCLI#3755392	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30		Ros Bambrick
Message	<i>Love: the Greatest Gift</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Just Let me say how much I love you	P&W 806/CCLI#1406413	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith		Nicene Creed	
Offering Dedication			Ros Bambrick
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Ros Bambrick
Prayers of the People			Ros Bambrick
Communion Song	Miracle of Grace (Bread of Life)	CCLI#5767814	Fiona Binney
Communion		Rev Allan Smith & Elders	
Song (after Communion)	For All You've Done	SCE 1441/CCLI#4254689	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	For All You've Done	SCE 1441/CCLI#4254689	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Ros Bambrick
Bible Reader	Ros Bambrick
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	Joy Duffield
Additional Music	
Sound System	Isaiah Kafoa
Data Operator	Ian Anderson
Power Point Producer	Ian Anderson
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 71:1-6*)

Come into this sacred space to worship God.

***God of mystery, in you I trust;
never let me be shamed.***

***In your way of putting things right,
encourage and strengthen me;
turn your ear towards me, and hear my plea.***

Come into this sacred space to worship God.

***Be to me a rock for dwelling in,
a secure place for retreating to, time and time again;
a rock for my restoration;
for you are my rock and my stronghold.***

Come into this sacred space to worship God.

***Sustain me against the hand of the wicked,
the hands of the unjust and the ruthless.***

Come into this sacred space to worship God.

***For you are my hope,
my trust since my early years.
I have relied on you from the womb;
from my birth you have sustained me.
In you is my wonder again, and again, and again.***

Let us worship God.

SONG [He's the Mighty one of Israel](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, we gather to give you praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous gift of Jesus the Christ - who proved the fullness of your love in his walk among us. Receive the worship we bring as an expression of our love for you and touch our hearts that we may grow in love towards one another. Spur us on with your Word and your Spirit, and help us to abide in you as you abide in us - we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG [So You would come \(Before the world Began\)](#)

[Come as you are](#) (Crowder)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

In you, God of love, we find that panic room
when our terrors try to break down the doors of our hearts.
In you, we discover the patience
to keep our expectations from getting in the way
of the fulfillment of your kingdom.

With you, Child of our hearts, we find the One we have leaned on
every step of our uncertain journey, even when we thought we walked alone.
With you, we discern the passion to speak up
for the voiceless and the forgotten who are all around us.

Through you, Gentle Spirit, we can offer a hand
to partner with those trapped in the tight grasp of oppression.
Through you, we can catch on to the arrogance
which too often is our attitude and replace it with your humility.

In you, with you, through you,
God in Community, Holy in One,
we can seek to be your people,
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who abides in us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's love is patient and kind, and will not fail you.
The Lord is with you to deliver you.
Through the mercy of Jesus Christ
the Lord has heard you
and is reaching out to save you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Community of Christ](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

SERMON [Love: The greatest gift](#)

SONG [Just let me say how much I love you](#)

OFFERING

Compassionate God, we offer these gifts and our lives in response to your many blessings. May your Spirit of grace enable us to hear and help those who cry out for mercy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creating and sustaining God, you have in mind for each of us a perfect way to serve you so that we may have joy in this world you have made. When we hold back and do not trust that you are leading us into your intended future, give us courage. Send your Spirit to put your words in our mouths and your love in our hearts. (Jer. 1:4-10)

Delivering God, our midwife and life-giver, we call on you to bring light into the darkened places in this world. Where there is violence, inspire us to work for justice that will bring your peace. Where there is hunger or hopelessness, help us to feed those in need. Where there is prejudice, give us courage to see each person as your own child. (Ps 71: 1-6)

Ever-loving God, we praise your grace and generosity. We look to your son, Jesus, for an example of how to love each other as you have loved us. Yet, we fail in so many ways to love as he did. Help us to encourage one another with the good news that your love will not end. Strengthen us with this knowledge so that we might spread the life-saving news of your forgiveness to the ends of the earth. (1 Cor 13:1-13)

Great and glorious Physician, your healing powers know no boundaries, even our lack of faith. Believing you can bring wholeness to shattered lives we bring these names before you:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Do not pass among us unseen, Lord. Reach out and restore your children. (Luke 4:21-30)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [Miracle of Grace](#) (Bread of Life)

SONG [For all you've done](#)

HOLY COMMUNION: Epiphany 4 Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you are a safe haven and a tower of strength
and your love will never end.

From the womb of creation you brought forth the earth
and before any of us were born,
you chose us and loved us into life.
You put words in the mouths of your prophets
that we might glimpse your truth, if only in part.

Fulfilling the words of the prophets,
your child Jesus came,
and in him we have seen you face to face.
When his passion would not be tamed,
his own people were filled with rage
and handed him over to be killed,
but you raised him back to life.

Now and forever, his love bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things,
and in his love the wholeness of all things is coming.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go forth, celebrating faith.
Go forth, celebrating hope.
Go forth, celebrating love.
Go forth to be the transformed people
that God calls us to be.
Go forth to transform the world—
in times of prosperity,
but most especially, in times of disbelief,
hostility, fear, and rejection.
Go forth with the knowledge
that you are always surrounded
by the presence of our steadfast, loving God,
our rock and our redeemer.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now to all to whom God sends you,
and speak whatever words God gives you.
Rejoice in the truth and do not be afraid.
Let all that you do and all that you say
be filled with love, for love never ends.

And may the grace...