

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2012

- Is a request to stand as you are able.
The Hour of Worship begins when the Prelude is sounded.

Gathering

Gathering Music Chorale Prelude 'In dir ist Freude' BWV 615 J.S. Bach
(In Thee is Gladness)

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit** (The Light of Christ and the Word are brought in to prepare our worship space)

'Come All You People' MV 2

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.**

- **Call to Worship**

Many voices rise up in our world to proclaim the truth.

We are a people who seek the truth that will set us free.

Many people come with gifts to share, and with insights to celebrate.

**We are a people ready to listen, prepared to act,
and eager to serve.**

God leads us into a future with many turning points.

**We are alive to all that God has in store for us. Thanks be to
God.**

- **Hymn of Praise** *'How Firm a Foundation'* VU 660

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Leader: We are free to hear the ways in which God directs us, and we are free to ignore the ways that God offers direction for us each new day. Within that freedom there arises a sense of our own call to responsible action. That call can be heard through the wisdom of a small child, the prophetic witness of a great leader, or the humble musings of a gentle spiritual guide. God provides us

with the people we need, and the insights that will nourish us, no matter what we face - we simply need to be open to those people, and to those messages, that provide assurance and strength.

Let us in silence be open to God, admitting where we have failed to be open to God's presence in the past, and so now be ready to focus ourselves anew to God's truth this day. Let us pray in silence.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (sung by everyone) Lord have mercy VU 946
Christ have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.

Words of Affirmation

Good news reminds us that no matter what success that we have enjoyed, or what fears that we have faced, God never forgets about us. Though we may be more concerned about our own needs than the opportunities for sharing that are placed before us, God never abandons us. This is good news indeed. Be attuned to God's presence that is alive for each one of us, and be thankful.

Choral Response *'Listen, God is Calling'* MV 97
(Listen) Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

- **Children's Hymn** *'What Does the Lord Require?'* VU 701
- Conversation and Prayer with children, youth and the young at heart**
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Listening

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading Psalm 11 VU 833

- **Hymn of Preparation** *'Like a Healing Stream'* MV 144

- **Gospel** Mark 1: 21 - 28

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: **Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.**

VU 957

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

Ministry of Music 'Blessed are the Eyes That Have Not Seen You' Fred Gramann

Zacharie Fogal, tenor solo

Message 'Standing for What is Right is not Necessarily Popular'

Moment of Meditation

Responding

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

'Trio Op. 49, No. 1'

Rheinberger

- **Dedication of the Offering** 'Grant Us, God, the Grace' VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Choral Call to Prayer

'Your Will Be Done'

MV 151

Your will be done, be done on earth.

Your will be done, be done on earth.

Your will be done, be done on earth.

Your will be done on earth, your will be done on earth.

Prayers of Pastoral Concern followed by The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn of Mission** 'He Leadeth Me' VU 657

- **Commissioning and Benediction**

- **Choral Affirmation (sung by all)** VU 431

Sing amen: **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

Sing amen: **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

Sing amen: **Amen, amen, amen, amen,**

amen, we praise your name, O God.

Postlude

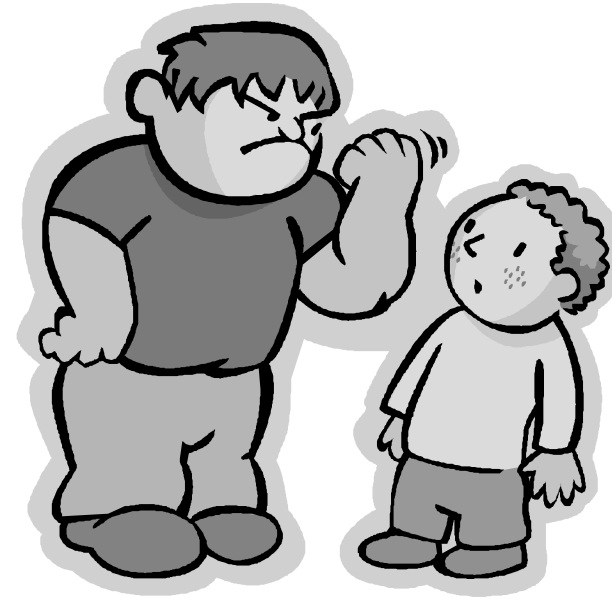
'Fugue in G minor (Little) BWV 578'

J.S. Bach

Please join us for coffee in Hilliard Hall following the service.

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Living God's Transforming Love.

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