

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Disability Awareness Sunday

Welcome

*Passing the Peace

Chiming of the Hour *(please be seated)*

Prelude *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/When the Saints God Marching In*
3rd-5th Grade Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come together today as people with different skills, different abilities, different disabilities.

People: We come, however, as one body in Christ.

Leader: We ask God to help us be compassionate toward all, even as God has been compassionate toward us.

People: Gather us together, in compassion and in faith. Help us to welcome and honor everyone in this community.

Leader: Regardless of physical strength and ability,

People: Regardless of differences of mind or spirit,

Leader: Open us, O God. Make us accessible to your Spirit, and accessible to all your people. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #382

Have Thy Own Way, Lord

Centering Prayer

God of all peoples, we come into your sanctuary to worship you. We come into your sanctuary to be counted among all your children. We come into your sanctuary to sing praises and to worship you. Let this be a special time that renews us and reminds us of your calling on our lives. Amen.

Children's Message

Psalter Reading

Psalms 51:1-17

Hymnal, Page 785

Mary Frances Bukva, Cantor



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

People: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon Text

Jonah 3 (NLT)

Response to the Word

Lord I Know I Been Changed arr. Shackley
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

"A Change of Heart"

Rev. Bates

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We acknowledge the times when we have worked hard and fallen short of the mark.

Male: We regret the times when we did not try at all.

Leader: We are sorry for the times when we didn't try to make things better.

Female: And sorrier still when we made it difficult for someone else to work for justice.

Leader: We look back with regret at the occasions when we didn't offer praise for work well done.

Male: And we ask forgiveness for the times when we belittled and scorned someone for doing what we should have done.

Leader: We see now the opportunities missed when we could have given our time to help others.

Female: And we are sorrier still that we did not even give of our money so someone else could help in our stead.

Leader: We regret the times when we looked the other way.

All: And we regret even more when we were the ones committing the wrong.

Leader: In these moments of silence, examine your hearts and confess to God your shortcomings.

Offering & Offertory

If You Want Me To by Ginny Owens
Natalie Dyke, soprano

*Doxology (#95)

The Great Thanksgiving (Musical Setting B, UMH pg. 18)

The Lord's Prayer (Kriewald)

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence and may you be our priority. Amen.

*Closing Hymn (insert)

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Benediction

*Postlude

This Is the Day arr. Chavez

**For those who are able, please stand*