

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
Carillon Bells

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the Lord, we take refuge from our fears and troubles.

People: Help us, O Lord.

Leader: We feel besieged everywhere and we don't think anyone cares about US.

People: Listen to us, Lord, and deliver us.

Leader: The Lord is our hope and our trust.

People: The Lord will heal and guide us. We do not need to fear. AMEN.

*Hymn #553 *And Are We Yet Alive*

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Anthem *I Surrender All*
Sanctuary Choir

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter – Psalm 71:1-6 Hymnal, Page 794

*Gloria Patri #70

Epistle Reading – James 3:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #144 *This Is My Father's World*

*Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:15-20

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem *Give Your Worries to the Lord*
I've Got the Joy
Carol Choir

Sermon – “Are You a Building Contractor or a Demolition Expert?”
Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer (#895)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering & Offertory Breanna Gromicko, clarinet

*Doxology (UMH #95)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*