

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

9:00 AM

CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 724 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, and to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we have wasted Your gifts and wandered from Your ways. We have been more apathetic rather than active, callous rather than compassionate, obstinate rather than obedient, legalistic rather than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remind us of Your great redeeming power. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being Your people in our broken world. Help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, so that we will be Your witnesses. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response

Hymn 139

"Great is Thy Faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand has provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

†Doxology

Hymn 815

†Fourth Stanza of America

Pew Hymnal, page 807

Our Fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

†Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 86

Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, we should seek good works because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood he also renews us through his Holy Spirit. This is according to Christ's own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for God's goodness and that God may be glorified through us. Also, in the process we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ.

Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons

†Hymn 572

Blessed Assurance

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Acts 16:23-34

Pages 1721-1722

Message

Seeking Holy Ground in 2023: Redeem

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady

CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 90

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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