## Sunday, January 28, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**TODAY'S FOCUS**: Under whose authority to we operate? That of our family? Our government? Our Church? Our God? If we have multiple authorities, which authority is primary?

**PRELUDE** — Scott Anderson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

\*OPENING HYMN

UMH #2023 "How Majestic Is Your Name" (2x)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty. (REPEAT)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 111 — Diana Murray

One: People of God, praise the Lord!

Many: Together, let us give thanks to our God.

One: People of God, remember all God has done and give honor where honor is due.

Many: Together, let us praise our God

One: People of God, you have been redeemed by God, whose righteousness endures forever.

Many: Together, let us worship the God of our covenant.

All: Let us worship our amazing God!

**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**HYMN** TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

**CHILDREN'S STORY** — Dan Smith

## **SCRIPTURE:** Mark 1:21-28 — Diana Murray

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

MESSAGE "Amazing Fame" Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN** 

UMH #354 "I Surrender All" (verses 1, 3-4)

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him in his presence daily live.

REFRAIN: I surrender all (I surrender all), I surrender all (I surrender all), All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

- 3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. REFRAIN
- 4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee; Fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. REFRAIN

**OFFERTORY** — Scott Anderson and ??

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Diana Murray

ALL: Gracious God, we give our gifts in the name of your son, who taught in the synagogue, cast out demons, and restored people to the fullness of life. We humbly ask that you use our gifts to continue your work in the world, so that the beloved community may become a reality and all people will be amazed by your love and power. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #394 "Something Beautiful" (sing through twice)
Something beautiful, something good;
all my confusion he understood,
All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
but he made something beautiful of my life. REPEAT

\*BENEDICTION — Lin

**POSTLUDE** — Scott Anderson

Prelude/Postlude—Scott
Song Leader—Shelly
Liturgist — Diana Murray

Accomp.—Anneke
Special Music — choir
Children's Message— Dan Smith

Offertory—Scott (vocal solo)

Organ — Betsy

Violin — RaeAnn Norell