

# Sunday, February 4, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**TODAY'S FOCUS: HEALING.** The truth is, healing does not always come to us in ways we can recognize, so we need to get better at seeing the unrecognizable!

**PRELUDE** — Anneke

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #159 “Lift High the Cross”

**REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine. REFRAIN**

**2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. REFRAIN**

**3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. REFRAIN**

**4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! REFRAIN**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Isaiah 40:21-31* — Bonnie Clark

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

**Many: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.**

One: God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

**Many: Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

One: They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

**ALL: How good it is to sing praises to our God!**

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**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S STORY** — Sharon Goldade

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — Margaret Regnier

“Praise the Lord” by ??

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 1:29-39 — Bonnie Clark

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” <sup>38</sup> He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**MESSAGE**

“He Cured Many”

Rev. Lin Cheek

**COMMUNION HYMN**

TFWS #2269 “Come Share the Lord”

**1. We gather here in Jesus’ name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**2. No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.**

**3. He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**4. We are now a family of which the Lord is head;  
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.**

**5. We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**OFFERTORY — Anneke**

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Bonnie Clark**

**All: Everlasting God, you are kind and trustworthy. Every day, you graciously provide what we need from your abundance. We are grateful that you bring healing and hope for our life as individuals and as a faith community. Accept this offering to strengthen our church's outreach to our neighbors. May more people come to know you and your love through our ministries. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING, BLESSING, AND LORD'S PRAYER — Lin & Bonnie**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Lin**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all.*

*Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup.*

*For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers.*

*When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin.*

*If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Bonnie Clark**

