



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP for January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We welcome this Sunday one of our own from the congregation - Karen Kilty, to offer the message and to share her call story. Karen is beginning her program of study at Eden Seminary toward a Masters in Divinity and ordination in the United Church of Christ.

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prelude

Here I am Lord

Ji Hye Jung

Call to Worship

One: In the company of all who are gathered here today, we praise you, God.

All: We thank you, God, with our whole hearts!

One: Great are your works; they are full of honor and majesty.

You are gracious and merciful, and your love lasts forever.

All: We thank you, God, with our whole hearts!

One: May the work of our hands also be faithful and just.

Holy and awesome is your name. Your praise endures forever.

All: We thank you, God, with our whole hearts! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Dear God, open our ears to hear what you are saying to us today.

Open our eyes, to see where Jesus' healing love is needed in our world.

Open our hands, to do your work and help where it is needed.

Open our lips, to bring comfort, joy, and laughter to your people.

Open our minds, to understand more fully how you work in our world.

Open our hearts, to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves, as you have loved us. Amen.

in the name of the one who calls to us and guides our journey...

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Response

Red No. 241, verse 4

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this world thy home.

Descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great spirit, come!

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
when you called the young boy Jeremiah to be a prophet
he stammered and said, "I'm just a boy."
Yet you challenged him to go
and proclaim your word of justice and truth,
promising to be with him at every part of the journey.
Sometimes we are afraid, too, God,
and we make excuses about why we cannot serve you.
Forgive us.
Fill us with your words to proclaim,
and stretch our hands out to do the things you need done in our world.
We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

God said to Jeremiah, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you and I will rescue you."
Friends, know that whatever we face, and however we respond, God promises to
be with us always. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Music

The Summons
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, piano

KELVINGROVE, words: John Bell

Children's Message

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prayers of the People

Offering & Dedication

When we give of ourselves to meet the needs of others,
we are co-creators in the health of God's creation.
As we have been given much, let us give in return.
Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your creation.
May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love
and inspired to give to others
so that your creation will continue to be transformed by your love.

Scripture Reading— Mark 1:21-28

Marjorie Hathaway

Message

"Hineni"

Karen Kilty

Hymn of Response

The Voice of God Is Calling

MEIRIONYDD, words: John H. Holmes

The voice of God is calling to women and to men; The voice once heard in Zion resounds on earth again:
Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need? Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and
greed?

I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill; No field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair. Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?

We heed, O God, your summons, and answer: Here are we! Send us upon your errand; let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour, But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve; Purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
Take us and make us holy; teach us your will and way. Speak, and, behold! we answer; command, and we obey

Benediction

Postlude

Ji Hye Jung

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
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Given by Deborah & Jeff Sauer*

Announcements & Events

Sunday, Jan 31 at 10am: *FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY WORSHIP*

Tuesday, Feb 2 at 7pm: *Church Council Meeting on Zoom*

Wednesday, Feb 3 at 7pm: *Stewardship Meeting on Zoom*

Sunday, Feb 7 at 10am: *FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY WORSHIP*

Tuesday, Feb 9 at 7pm: *Deacons Meeting on Zoom*

Wednesday, Feb 10 at 6:30pm: *CE Meeting on Zoom*

Sunday, Feb 14 at 10am: *TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY WORSHIP*

Tuesday, Feb 16 at 7pm: *Stewardship Meeting on Zoom*

Wednesday, Feb 17: *ASH WEDNESDAY*

Sunday, Feb 21 at 10am: *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

with a Congregational Meeting on Zoom following the service

Sunday, Feb 28 at 10am: *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: info@maplestreetchurch.org

