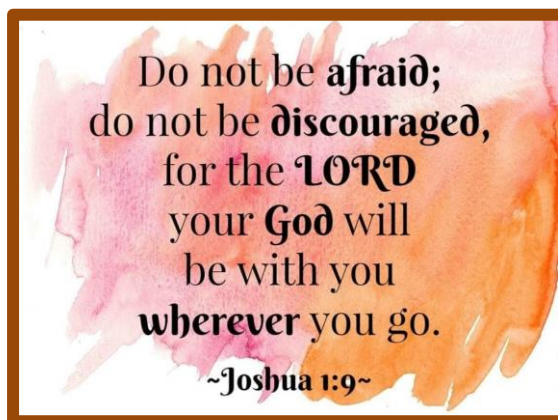


SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71: 1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you. Let us worship God.

HYMN #144

"This Is My Father's World"

1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
 All nature sings, and round me rings
 The music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white,
 Declare their Maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world, from the shining courts above,
The Beloved One, His Only Son,
Was giv'n to show God's love.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

4. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

Love is patient, but often we are impatient.

Love is kind, but often we are rude.

Love is not envious, but we often covet.

Love does not insist on its own way, but we often do just that.

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but we often celebrate violence.

Love never ends, and yet we do not always seek your love as our ultimate purpose.

Help us, loving God, to end our sin and to reflect the light of your love.

A time of silence for confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though our efforts to love are often full of fault, God's steadfast love never fails.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Amen!**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 21-30

Joan Olszewski, Reader

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah,

when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“All Things to All”

CUMC Choir

<https://soundcloud.app.goo.gl/PXAzK>

MESSAGE

THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS: SEEING A WIDER PLAN

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” V.21

THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS OF OUR HEARTS AND OUR GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Karen

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

HYMN TFWS #2236

“Gather Us In”

**1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery
 We are the old who yearn for your face
 We have been sung throughout all of history
 Called to be light to the whole human race
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
 Gather us in, the proud and the strong
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
 Give us the courage to enter the song

3. Here we will take the wine and the water
 Here we will take the bread of new birth
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
 Call us anew to be salt for the earth
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion
 Give us to eat the bread that is you
 Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
 Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining
 Not in some heaven light years away
 But here in this place the new light is shining
 Now is the kingdom, now is the day
 Gather us in and hold us forever
 Gather us in and make us your own
 Gather us in, all peoples together
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

BENEDICTION

May God strengthen you and bless you with peace;
 May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;
 And may the Holy Spirit alight on you
 and affirm you as God's beloved ones.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
 In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

Monday, January 31

10 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group. Chapter 9

Tuesday, February 1

Noon West Essex Ministerium –here or zoom