

Worship on the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
January 28, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor  
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** “Prelude, Op. 28, No. 20 in C Minor” Frédéric Chopin

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship** Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is God’s work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who revere him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**God has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

God sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**The reverence for the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

**Hymn 139** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, thank you for adopting us into your family and calling each of us to serve your Son Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not always lived up to our calling. At times we have been fearful disciples, forgetting your wisdom and your presence with us. Forgive us. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world. Renew the gifts of your Spirit, that we may be filled with the grace needed to fulfill our common calling. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**New Testament** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**Sermon** “Ideals and Idolatry” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" R.A. Schumann

**Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

O God, you have raised up faithful messengers and sent your Son Jesus to draw us close to you. Help us to listen and obey you. Direct our efforts to fulfill your will in our lives and as part of this congregation. May our gifts and

service bring joy to people in our neighborhood and around the world. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 670 "Go Forth for God"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Ode to Joy" Ludwig van Beethoven

### Church Calendar

Wednesdays, January 31 and February 7

**Psalms Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor and online

Sunday, February 4 **Worship** at 10:00 a.m. in Union Chapel and via live stream

Tuesday, February 6 **Meeting of the Board of Trustees** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor and online

**Lenten Bible Study** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. We will discuss *Living into Lent* by Donald K. McKim in the Parlor and online.

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*"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."*



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