



First United Methodist Church

January 29, 2012 A.D., 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

Please stand as able for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*)

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

*Aesop (620BC – 560 BC), *The Lion and the Mouse**

Welcome and Announcements

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Thanks be to God.

Joys

We thank God for these blessings.

Thanks be to God.

Concerns

For these persons and all who are in need.

Hold your people near, O God.

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(8:00) Sanborn
(10:30) Manz

*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 have pleasure in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures for ever,**

who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Lord provides food for the faithful and is ever mindful of his covenant.

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

**The works of the Lord’s hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;
they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

The Lord sent redemption to his people and has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and wondrous is God's name!

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures for ever.**

*Hymn of Praise "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" UMH 67

Gathering Prayer "For Guidance"

**O God, just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,
so let us look to you in order to understand the things that we have done amiss.
We are like a reed shaken in the wind; we are inexpressibly weak.
Leave us not to ourselves, but dwell in our hearts
and guide our thoughts and actions. Amen.**

Anthem (8:00) "Speak, O Lord" Townsend/Getty
(10:30) "Help Us Accept Each Other" John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir; Dr. Woodrow Hodges, Director

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 *Scripture Insert*
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry with Young Christians
The congregation sings the chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" (UMH 191) as the children come forward.

Prayer Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH 463
At this time, parents may take children 3 and under to the nursery if they wish. Children age 4 thru second grade may be shepherded to the Activity Room. Children 3rd grade and older remain in worship.

The Church at Prayer
**Loving Christ, help us to know how to show kindness.
Help us to know when to share a smile, a touch,
a word of encouragement for those who need it most.
Grant us the ability to be your hands in our daily lives
so that we may help transform your kingdom
into a kinder, more peaceful world in which to live.
We ask for guidance in your name, dear Lord. Amen.**

*And now in the silence of our hearts let us give thanks for the gift of this day
and pray for the life of the world...*

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

KINDNESS

Generosity

Gentleness

Goodwill

Loving

compassion

love

Thoughtfulness

Sympathy

Consideration

Accepting

Respectful

Empathy

Caring

Kindness

Love

Concern

Understanding

Benevolence

Helpfulness

Compassion

LOVE