



January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Fear, Awe and the Beginning of Wisdom

Preparing for Worship: Epiphany Season is an extended invitation to “Come and See” God in our world. Today’s Psalm and Gospel combine to help us imagine what it feels like to be set free from old, fear-filled ways of being and doing, by the power (authority) of God’s loving and healing presence.

Gathering Music Clair de lune

Claude Debussy

We Approach God

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering & Lighting the Christ Candle

In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Come to this place and time of worship, where God is with us
in word and deed, song and silence, and in company with God’s people.
Come, all who are sure, all who are uncertain,
all who have questions, and doubts,
together we will seek God’s wisdom for living in today’s world.
Let us be fed in spirit, and inspired to fulfil our purpose, as we worship God.

Opening Hymn Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100)

VU 820

Prayer for Gathering and Reflection

We Listen for God’s Word

Let’s open the pages of the Bible
and set the words free, as God’s Holy Spirit breathes wisdom from these ancient
texts onto the pages of our own lives.

Reading the Scriptures Mark 1: 21-28
Psalm 111:1-10

VU 833

This is the witness of Scripture to the Dream of God
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Fear, Awe and the Beginning of Wisdom

Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones

We Gather at the Table

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure, Bread and Cup

Song of Dedication

v.4 VU 93

When Heaven's bright with mystery,
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of pow'r can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, the world to heal.

Communion Prayer

Invitation to the Table

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us lift up our hearts to God.
We lift our hearts in prayer and praise.

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

VU 921

Sharing the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing

Communion Anthem

Only Jesus

Mark Shepperd

Prayer after Communion

We Prepare to Serve God in the World

Closing Hymn

Come, Let Us Sing

VU 222

Sending Out with Blessing

Postlude

Nocturne No. 2

John Field

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