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4th Sunday after Epiphany

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to **stand**.)

Approach

Gathering Song MV #191 – "You, Creator God, Have Searched Me" Welcome, Lighting the Candle, and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

All: From our very first breath to our last, God's love and

compassion never fails.

One: So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

All: Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

One: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

All: Let's worship God together.

Opening Hymn VU #217 – "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Holy God, you knew us before we knew ourselves. You chose us even now to be your servants. Help us prepare our hearts so that we are worthy to be your prophets, so that we might go where you send us, and speak the Word that you give us.

Yet there are many times we say we are completely put together, but we are not. We confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision.

Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.

Remind us, God, that you have chosen us for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The Word

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Luke 4: 21-30

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation – We are all called?

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Let Us Serve Him"

The Response

* Offering / Response: "These Gifts We Bring"

These gifts we bring with grateful hearts, To reconcile, make new, Gather us in grace, show us the way, To live our lives in Truth To share Your love in all we do.

Offering Dedication

Communion

One: May the God of wondrous deeds be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: We lift our whole hearts to God, holding nothing back.

One: Join in praising God, who is merciful and gracious.

All: In the company of our friends and fellow followers, we

rejoice in the one who is our God.

....we sing our songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of great wonders.

All creation is astounded by your works.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who restores us with love.

Hosanna in the highest!.

....we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

Christ died, as we fell silent in grief;

Christ is raised, silencing the power of sin and death;

Christ fills the silence of our fears with songs of your wondrous love and life.

*Hymn VU #477 – "I Come with Joy"

Sharing God's Gifts

Prayer after Sharing

One: After being renewed at this table God sends us into the world, so we may see Jesus at work in all the desolate places. All:

One: As one with compassion, Jesus calls,

AII: so we may follow him to those who live on the fringe of life.

One: The Spirit opens our ears and our hearts, All:

so we may hear the cries looking for hope.

One: Let us go into the world as people full of hope, love, mercy, and

justice.

AII: Amen.

Closing Hymn VU #583 – "Jesus Came, a Child Like Me"

Commissioning / Benediction

Response (tune VU #374)

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.

Patrick Woodbeck, Worship Leader Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian

Laura Steidl, Music Director Nancy Sulkers, Liturgist

Communion Servers Pat Lumsden, Leo Grandy, Margaret Grandy, Judi Olson-Chiswell

> Welcome Ministry Beverly Baker, Janice Loiselle, Alana Davis