

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Online Worship Service – January 31, 2021**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
 Year B

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Psalm 111  
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
 Mark 1:21-28

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what was broken. Teach us now as you taught all those years ago. Heal us now so that in all we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others as well. Speak to us this morning, and receive our worship. Amen.

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**Call to Worship**

Psalm 111:1-4

Praise the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart in the company of the congregation.

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

Full of honor and majesty is the Lord's work, whose righteousness endures forever.

**The Lord has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**Hymn**

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*  
*(Psalm 111 & 112)*  
 Glory to God Hymnal, #755

**Confession\***

1 Corinthians 8:1

*"Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."*

**Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will and love as we should. We allow our liberties to become stumbling blocks to others. We build up with pride, rather than in love.**

**Lord, cast out that which is unclean in us. Silence that which is in us that would distract or confuse your Word to us. Speak with authority in our lives to heal us, make us whole, and teach us to love you and love our neighbor.**

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*(personal confession)*

**Assurance and Peace**

1 Corinthians 8:6

*"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture**

Mark 1:21-28

**Sermon***Unseen***Hymn**

*Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #181

**Offering and Doxology**

Psalm 111:10

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

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

**Prayer of Dedication**

O God, giver of all good gifts, we offer these gifts to you as an offering of praise and with gratitude. May they be used for healing and wholeness, and for the proclamation of your kingdom. Amen.

**Announcements****Prayers of the People**

God of grace, you come into our midst with power and authority to liberate us from anything that keeps us from the fullness of the life you desire for all of your children, and even for creation itself. Help us to be open to your presence, even if it means facing what is difficult, and what binds us and keeps us from the fullness of who we are in you.

Help us to name that in us, in our communities, and in our world that would work against your kingdom. Empower us to be agents of love, justice, and righteousness in our communities and in the world.

For the healing of divisions within your Church, O Lord, we pray.

For leaders of nations, and the leaders of our nation; for those with authority and much power, and for those who have little or none, Lord we pray.

For those who are victims of others' – and our – idolatry, Lord we pray.

And we continue to pray for those whose lives are upended by the continuing pandemic. For those who have lost loved ones, for those unable to see loved ones, for those sick, and those worried and anxious, and for those whose livelihoods have been lost, Lord we pray. Continue to bring strength to healthcare workers, and to all who have been asked to do so much in this time – parents, teachers, delivery workers and grocery clerks, those who stock shelves, and clean spaces.

We pray now for those whose names are known to us... for those mourning the death of loved ones; for those in need of healing, and recovery from surgeries; for those with Covid-19; and all at the Chapel Hill, Waterman Lake, Madonna Manor, the Highlands, and Atria assisted living facilities, and all who are separated from family and friends in this time.

And for all those wrestles prayers churning in our hearths...

Lord, speak the authority of your kingdom into troubled spirits and troubled places. Bring wholeness and healing into all the corners of our hearts, and of this world. Teach us your way, O Lord; we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray with boldness,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #275

## Charge and Benediction

Go as those who love God, and are known by God. Where there is fear, remember the authority of Jesus Christ; where there is need of love, give it in his name; where there is hurt, bring peace in his name.

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. Amen.