

Celebration!

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Epiphany 4

Musical Offering: "There is a Balm in Gilead" Winnagene Hatch

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it !**

Famous One

Chorus **You are the Lord the famous One, famous One; Great is Your name in all the earth
The heavens declare You're glorious, glorious; Great is Your fame beyond the earth**

**And for all You've done and yet to do, with every breath I'm praising You
Desire of nations and every heart, You alone are God, You alone are God**

**The morning star is shining through, and every eye is watching You
Revealed by nature and miracles, You are beautiful, You are beautiful**

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We Gather to Worship

The good news of God's healing mercy is with us today.

We need to hear good news, healing for our broken lives.

Open your hearts and spirits, for God has spoken words of love.

Help us be ready to receive these healing words.

Today God's love is lavished upon you. **Help us, Lord, to hear your word and do your will.**

You'll Come

I have decided, I have resolved, to wait upon You, Lord

My rock and redeemer, shield and reward, I'll wait upon You, Lord

As surely as the sun will rise, you'll come to us; Certain as the dawn appears

Chorus: **You'll come – Let Your glory fall as You respond to us**

Spirit rain – Flood into our thirsty hearts again

You'll come, You'll come

We are not shaken, we are not moved, we wait upon You, Lord

Mighty deliverer, triumph and truth, we wait upon You, Lord

As surely as the sun will rise, you'll come to us; Certain as Your word endures

Bridge: **Chains be broken – Lives be healed – Eyes be opened – Christ is revealed**

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Prayer

Let us pray together: **Lord, we have come here this day, needing your healing power and your encouragement in our lives. Help us be open to your words of mercy and peace. Prepare us to serve you with our whole lives, for it is in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Announcements and Prayer Concerns



Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 21-28

Messsage: Pastor Rachel Hacker

Water to Wine

**Embarrassed when I see the guests are thirsty - every single jar of wine is dry
Then you revealed your glory - how could you make the water flow as wine?**

**When I think the storm has overwhelmed us - our vessel nearly swallowed by the waves
And a word from you and there is silence - who is he that the wind and waves obey? x2**

Chorus **If you could turn water to wine I must believe you can change my mind
If you could bring calm to the sea then I believe that you can change me
I believe that you can change me**

**From my hand raised I cry out Lord trapped inside this body all alone
Look at me with compassion sayin' rise up from your mat and go home**

**Panic when I see the crowd approaching - five thousand hungry mouths for us to feed Jesus prayed
and there was plenty - who is he that could give us more than we need? x2**

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us join together to affirm our faith: **We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of God's People As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Confession:

Let us join together in confession: **God our Creator, we come to you today in need of your healing touch. Our bodies are weak. Our minds are confused, and our lives lack meaning and purpose. We are people in need of your healing touch. We want to be healthy. We want to be whole. We want eternal value in our life. We confess our sin and we pray for the healing touch of Jesus.**

We Hear Of God's Healing Hands

Our God is a God of comfort and healing. Our God extends the hand of unconditional love and offers to hold us in loving arms for all eternity. Our God, in Jesus, had his hands nailed to a cross so we could know the joy of life and live together. Jesus' hands of love continue to beckon us daily, calling us to follow and serve. Jesus offers healing for our bodies and our spirits. Praise God for the gift of new life. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, shaking hands or embracing and saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

We celebrate the promise of Jesus that we are born again to everlasting life.

We come to receive Jesus in these gifts of bread and wine.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to come and receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion. Please move front and center where the bread and wine will be given. Please take the bread and move to the server with the cup. As the server offers the cup, please dip (intinct) the edge of the wafer into the wine and place it in your mouth as the server says "the blood of Christ, shed for you". As the bread and wine are given you may wish to say "Amen". Once you have received communion, you may prayerfully return to your seat.

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**
Let us pray... Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace. **Amen**

Blessed be Your Name

**¹Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow blessed be your name**

**²Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be your name**

Chorus **Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name**

**³Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be blessed be your name**

**⁴Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be your name**

Bridge **You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name**

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We Go Out To Serve

Go in Peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**