



4th Sunday of Epiphany
February 2, 2025



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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE **Service Prelude in C**
by Cusins
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WELCOME **Mamie Broadhurst**

INTROIT **Arise, Shine!**
John Carter
Beckenhorst Press, 1978

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you!
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth
and gross darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you
and His glory will be upon you.
And nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your rising*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* **Pre-K-5th Graders**
Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship: Sabbath

HYMN No. 393 **O Day of Rest and Gladness**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of each and every day,
 We confess that we make mistakes all the time.
 Sometimes we don't follow rules, and that leads us astray.
 Sometimes we do follow them, but we shouldn't.
 It can be hard to know what to do.
 When it comes to sabbath rest we
 swing between declaring it outdated
 and being desperate for respite from endless work;
 between judging those who take days off
 and wishing we could do it ourselves;
 between naming service as spirituality
 and longing for refreshment in a quiet mountaintop moment.
 When we fall far from you, forgive us.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Forgive us for trying to wrap your story around our lives
 Instead of wrapping our lives around your story.
 Show us once again your more excellent way and heal us
 so that we may reflect your image clearly into a world longing for grace.
 We ask this in the name of the One who is Lord of the Sabbath,
 Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation — the old has gone and the new has come. We can let go of the old stories we have told ourselves, and trust the Word made flesh. Hear this truth with fresh ears: know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

Sung through one time

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:1-11

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

Gaines Foster

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, teach us to live well,
making time in our busy-ness for you,
making time to be restful,
making time to use our gifts for what really matters.
Take us and what we offer now -
our time, talents, and our treasure -
and use it to call others to your way of love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, the eucharist, during worship.

All who choose to come to Christ's table are welcome, and anyone who would like to receive communion in their seat will be served there.

The communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding. (PCUSA Book of Order W-3.0409)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of work days and rest days...

*Interspersed through the prayer we will be singing
Hymn 525, Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN No. 525 v 1

Let Us Break Bread Together

HYMN No. 525 v 2

Let Us Break Bread Together

Our Mother and Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

ANTHEM

To Thee, O Comforter Divine

Michael Larkin

Birnamwood Publications, 2003

*To Thee, O heavenly fire divine,
Our spirits cleanse and refine, sing we alleluia!
To thee, whose faithful love had place
in God's great covenant of grace, sing we alleluia!
To thee, whose faithful power doth heal,
enlighten, sanctify and seal, sing we alleluia!
To thee, by Jesus Christ sent down,
of all his gifts the sun and crown, sing we alleluia!*

COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN No. 525 v 3

Let Us Break Bread Together

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

Everywhere.

POSTLUDE

Service Postlude in G

by Vockner

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*Many thanks to Leslie Green and Tom Shelton
for their work livestreaming the service this morning.*

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Have you been visiting lately and have some questions about UPC? Are you wondering how to join this fabulous community and get more involved than you already are? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe and how we organize ourselves? Would you just like to meet some new people and see their names on name tags so they're harder to forget?

All these things can be yours if you are able to join our Inquirer's Class this spring. We are still working out the specific dates, but we hope to gather on Sunday mornings for about 4 weeks in March to talk about Presbyterianism, UPC, our own stories, and whatever else comes up. Please let Mamie know if you are interested in learning more.



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