

**SERMON**  
**“WHAT TIME IS IT?”**  
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

**ANTHEM**  
***WE ARE CLIMBING JACOB’S LADDER***  
CHILDREN’S CHOIR  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION***  
#529, v. 1, 2, & 5  
WORDS BY “K” IN RIPPON’S SELECTION OF HYMNS  
MUSIC FROM EARLY USA MELODY  
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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
***SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING***  
#664, v. 1  
WORDS BY OMER WESTENDORF  
MUSIC BY WELSH FOLD TUNE  
HARM. BY LELAND SATEEN  
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1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

**POSTLUDE**  
***THE TREES OF THE FIELD***  
STEFFI GEISER RUBEN FROM ISAIAH 55:12



*Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.*



**“What Time Is It?”**  
Mark 1:14-23

January 28, 2024  
4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Worship Service  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*GREAT IS THE LORD*  
MICHAEL W. SMITH

## WELCOME HOME!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*WE'RE MARCHING*  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
COMPOSER UNKNOWN/SOUTH AFRICA

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son.

**Congregation: Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*  
#103  
WORDS BY WALTER CHALMERS SMITH  
MUSIC FROM A WELSH MELODY FROM CANADA Y CYSSEGR, 1839,  
ADAPTED BY JOHN ROBERTS  
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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## BAPTISM OF REECE ROMERO

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

**Congregation: 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 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. Amen.**

# SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

*THY WORD IS A LAMP*  
#601

WORDS BY AMY GRANT  
MUSIC BY MICHAEL W. SMITH  
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1. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

2. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

### \*DOXOLOGY

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*  
#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

## HYMN OF FAITH

*WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE*  
#600

WORDS & MUSIC BY PHILIP P. BLISS  
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1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

[Refrain]

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

MARK 1:14-23