



Court Street United Methodist Church

215 North Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

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10 A.M. Worship Service

January 31, 2021

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Setting: Kenneth Lowenberg

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

***People:* Great are the works of the Lord; God’s work is full of honor and majesty. God’s righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: God has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful

***People:* God provides food for those who fear him; the Lord is ever mindful of the covenant.**

Leader: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all God’s precepts are trustworthy.

***People:* They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: God sent redemption to the people; God has commanded the covenant forever. Holy and awesome is the name of God!

***All:* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

Opening Hymn UMH #62, vs. 1-4

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hymn

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Hymn

“I’ve Got the Love of Jesus Down in My Heart”

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Love That Transforms Our Hearts:
Love That Demands a Commitment”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness

“A Tanzanian Allelujah”

Jeffrey Honoré

Performed by Jubellation

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #629, vs. 1-4

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Benediction

Friends, in this place we have encountered the mystery of the triune God. That mystery is always beyond our comprehension. Yet we are held in the love of God — Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer — and we are equipped to share that love with others. Go in peace to serve the Lord. Amen.

Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”

Rutter

Postlude

“How Firm A Foundation”

Arr. James C. Kasen



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