

"The Sermon on the Mount," Cameroon, Africa



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 29, 2023 ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP FBC SANCTUARY 11:00 A.M.

# The Worship of God Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2023

Worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere.

-Erma Bombeck

Gathering Music

"To God Be the Glory"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"Give Praise to God"

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# Lifting Our Voices in Praise

\* Call to Worship Pat Transue

Leader: In the kingdom of heaven,

People: there is plenty.

Leader: In the kingdom of heaven,

People: everyone and everything is in God's care.

Leader: In the kingdom of heaven, **People:** no one is out on their own.

Leader: The kingdom of heaven has come near, **People:** and we come to re-orient our lives in it.

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 345)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you!** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

\* Responding in Peace

"We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light"
SIYAHAMBA

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. [Repeat] We are singing, oh we are singing for the Lord is our light. [Repeat]

Sharing Ourselves in Prayer

Children's Sermon Rev. Cristina Adams

<sup>\*</sup> In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able

"Ain-A That Good News!"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Provider God, you created a world with enough, yet we hold on to what we have, and we gather more — more stuff, more accomplishments, more money, more opportunities, more education, more social media friends, more gadgets, more more more. We admit that the more we have, the more we want, and we can't seem to stop. Forgive us. Set us free from always trying to get ahead: ahead of others, ahead in the business, ahead of the bills, ahead of ourselves.

Discipline of Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, you are free indeed! In that freedom may we all learn to trust, and to find God's care is enough for us all.

# Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"In God, My Faithful God"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Matthew 6.25-34

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Response (CONGR 436)

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

Sermon Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 624)

"The Lily of the Valley"
SALVATIONIST

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

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Flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!

### TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Pat Transue
Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen
Livestream Video Crew: Glenn Prescott, Brandon Gillette
Sound: Marylee Southard
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Lawrence Heights Christian Church American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Mark Click, serving churches in Ohio International Ministries Missionary: Lauran Bethell, serving as a global consultant

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