



*"Christ Teaching" by Antoni Wyrodek  
Rock salt carving, Saint Kinga's Chapel, Wieliczka Salt Mine near Krakow, Poland, 101 meters under the surface*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 4, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Who does he think he is? Where did he learn / All he is teaching us, wisdom beyond  
Anything we have heard before. He turns / Everything upside down...*

—“Jesus’ Mother and Brothers” by Gracia M. Grindal

Gathering Music

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”  
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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed”  
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\* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston

Leader: Wisdom and power

**People: confusion and jealousy**

Leader: vulnerability and hospitality

**People: questions and stories**

*All: all together, within and around Jesus, within and around us.*

Leader: We enjoy listening even when we don’t put into practice what we hear,

**People: we are astonished at the authority Jesus embodies,**

Leader: we wonder when he jumped out of the box we like to keep him in,

**People: we are scared of the task he gives us,**

*All: and still we come, to offer ourselves and see what God will do.*

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 457)

“Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed”  
REGENT SQUARE

\* 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 (CONG 155)

“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.**

**We are singing, for the Lord is our light, We are singing for the Lord is our light.**

**We are singing, (singing, we are singing) Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.**

**We are singing, (singing, we are singing), Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.**

Children’s Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Holy and living God, you lived and served in all sorts of situations. We confess, though, that sometimes we get tripped up by what we have known, unable to allow others to grow because we want them to be the person we remember, unable to grow ourselves because others want us to always be like we've always been. Forgive us, loving God, and open our minds and hearts, empower our spirits and wills, move our hands and feet and voices, to not only silently recognize your power but to speak up and stand up, to participate in your purpose.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*You are a forgiven people! Receive your forgiveness from the top of your head to the bottoms of your feet! Remember your forgiveness in the way you treat one another, and in the way you treat yourself.*

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.**

Prayer Response (CONGR 404, vs. 4)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"  
NEED

**I need Thee every hour, teach me thy will; thy promises so rich in me fulfill.  
Refrain: I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

What FBC Means to Me

Ramon Schmidt

Offertory

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Mark 6.1–6a (CEB)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams  
"Hometown Frustrations"

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

## CELEBRATING THE TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation to the Table  
Celebration of the Bread and Cup

“I and My House Will Serve the Lord”  
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\* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 500 v.1, 5 & 6)

“Just As I Am”  
WOODWORTH

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!*

### TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Chad Johnston

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Max Mayse

Trumpet: Scott Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Steve Yoder Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Rock Hill Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Regional Exec. Min. Rev. Dr. Cheryl F. Dudley, serving churches in Metro New York

International Ministries Missionaries: Ray Schellinger, serving as Global Consultant for Immigrants and Refugees

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