



Jerseyville United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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12pm, Feb. 2, 2025, 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Holy Communion

❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Meditation: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. ²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress^[a] to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. (from Psalm 71)

Prelude "Taste and See" (Marty Haugen, c1997)

❖ Call to Worship

Pastor: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

Congregation: *We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.*

Pastor: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

Congregation: *We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.*

Pastor: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

Congregation: *We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.*

Pastor: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

Congregation: *We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.

❖ Hymn (UMH 463) "Lord Speak to Me"

Opening Prayer

In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a voice to proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a voice to proclaim your love. In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a voice to proclaim your joy. May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to speak, to sing, and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world. May our lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Doxology (UMH 95)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers and Joys of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer #895

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Epistle Reading: [Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

❖ Hymn (UMH 593) "Here I Am Lord"

❖ Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Sermon: "What is Love?" - Rev. Patricia Wentworth

❖ Hymn: (UMH 614) "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Holy Communion

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Great Thanksgiving: page 13

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread and Cup

Only unfermented wine (grape juice) is used in our service

❖ Benediction

❖ Congregational Response: (396) "O Jesus I Have Promised"

Postlude: "We Remember" (Marty Haugen, c1997)

Announcements:

Please continue to keep Betty Murad in your prayers.

Worship on Zoom - Use your Zoom app, Click the link on JerseyvilleUMC.org or call (646) 876-9923 Both the Zoom app or telephone have the same Meeting ID: 882 289 1264.

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