

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

MEDITATION

“Epiphanies awaken the soul.” - A.D. Posey

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit *Hymn of Promise (vs. 1,2)* #707

*Call to Worship (*please stand as you are able)

One: Look around. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

All: Some we can see. Some are invisible to our earthly eyes.

One: We recognize, too, the presence of Jesus Christ among us because we are gathered in his name.

All: We recognize Christ in one another because we are members of his body. Let us rejoice in the gift God has given us in one another and in the entire church, that great mystery that is the body of Christ.

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-5)* #62

Song: *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.*

Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (together, seated)

O God, let us recognize that Christ is present in this place, in one another, in those not present. We are members of your body. You have called us to do your work in the world, to show forth with your love and mercy. Let that work begin with those gathered today – near and far. Enable us to carry your work into our community, and throughout the world. Open

our eyes of faith to see you, Lord, in all the peoples of the earth. Enable us to be your instruments of peace, grace, and redemption; in Jesus’ name we pray: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scriptures 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Sermon Prophet on the Edge Rev. Wright

Interlude

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Offering Prayer

We dedicate these offerings to the work of your Holy realm. May they be used to feed the hungry in body and spirit, and to find and welcome the lost, that they may come to know you. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*Hymn *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* #664

Benediction (seated)

Postlude *Breaking Bread* Cash

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the parish hall after the service

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Interim Minister

Sean McMahan, Music Minister

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All: God spoke when the world was troubled; giving voice to prophets from the earliest days, moving through Mary as she gave birth to her child, crying as a vulnerable baby lying in a manger. Still God said, "This is very good."

One: God speaks today; breathing energy into our weary lives, challenging our celebrations and sharing our pain, dancing with songs of justice and peace. We shout, "This is very good."

Let us pray together:

We gather at your table, O God, and we open wide our hearts awaiting the one who deals with our short comings. May Emmanuel descend to us, we pray, casting out our resistance and entering in; may Christ be born in us each day; we pray through Christ's name. Amen.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you – do this in remembrance of me." Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Eat this, bread broken in love for you.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Through this cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ give. Drink, poured out for you.

Closing prayer: All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Your peace made flesh. Amen!

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