

Calvary United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Pastor Ryan Washabaugh
Music Director Dr. David Boyd

Welcome Deb Hull
Prelude

***Call to Worship:**

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

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

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

L: God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us

P: Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

L: God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

P: We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.

***Opening Prayer:**

God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:**

UMH 451

"Be Thou My Vision"

First Reading

Mark 1:21-28

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Prayer of Confession (Unison)

P: Holy God, hear our prayer. You send prophets and saviors to help us, to save us, to raise us, and our response is to question You. You heal someone's beloved, and we ask, "Why not this one too?" You shower food upon some who hunger, and we complain that our stomachs are growling. Forgive us. Forgive us not for our doubts, but for our limited perspective. Open wide before us the vista of your grace, and the expanse of your love, and the wonder of your healing power. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the Good News: At some time, each one of us has been lost in many different ways. But now we are indeed found, and not simply found, but rejoiced over, and cherished, and beloved. Your sins are forgiven; you have come home. Alleluia! Amen.

***Apostle's Creed**

***Gloria Patri**

Calvary Choir

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

Children's Time

Evan Washabaugh

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH 140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"