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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 2, 2014**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Centering Music**

"God, Most Holy"

Antiphoner/arr. D. Cherwien

*Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

**\*Call to Worship**

What does our God require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

We gather as a first step on that journey,

**with hearts that hunger for justice,  
and spirits that thirst to do what is right.**

**\*Gathering Song NCH #423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"**

**\*Silent Confession ending with: (3x)**

Ostinato Refrain

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949  
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949  
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**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Children's Message**

Hannah Hannover

**Sung Prayer for Illumination NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 1**

***Be now my vision, O God of my heart;  
nothing surpasses the love you impart--  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.***

## Scripture Readings

Micah 6:1-8 (pg. 1060-1061 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4-5 in the NT of your pew Bible)

(Please read responsively)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

"Blessed are those who mourn, **for they will be comforted.**

"Blessed are the meek, **for they will inherit the earth.**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they will be filled.**

"Blessed are the merciful, **for they will receive mercy.**

"Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they will see God.**

"Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they will be called children of God.**

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

**Sung Response** NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 2

***Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;***

***ever within me, my soul is assured;***

***Mother and Father, you are both to me,***

***now and forever your child I will be***

**Sermon**

"Living in Disarmed Vehicles" The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*Song** (insert)

"Blest Are They"

**Commissioning of the Pastor Search Committee** (see insert)

## Prayers of the People beginning with: (2x)

Ostinato Chorale

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## The Lord's Prayer

*Please join in praying the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:*

**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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Offering of Gifts

"Ancient Words"

John Purifoy

The gifts of the world, of this day, of our lives, come to us from God's open hands. Let us now open our hands in gratitude.

## Prayer of Dedication

**These gifts are our sign of gratitude to you. Through them, may hungry hearts be fed; through them, may others know your joy. Amen.**

## \*Song SPP #139

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

## \*Commissioning and Blessing

Go now to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.  
And may all of God's blessings rest upon you, this day and everyday.  
Amen.

## \*Sending Music