

Offering: *Nobody Knows*..... *Spiritual*

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, glory, hallelujah!
What makes old Satan hate me so? Oh, yes, Lord!
Cause he got me once and let me go, Oh, yes, Lord!

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

***Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology*..... *OLD HUNDRETH*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Offertory Prayer**..... Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation may please be seated. We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Communion Opening Prayer

and Words of Institution..... Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
"The body of Christ, broken for you."

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion..... Rev. Giffone

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 604:** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*..... *MARION*
(Verses 1, 3, 4, and 6 only)

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Benediction**..... Rev. Giffone

Note: At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.

Postlude: *All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name*..... *Sanborn*

** Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so*

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

Monthly Prayer Focus

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

—Psalm 62:1

The children of Redeemer have been working on the Scripture passage above as a memory verse in Sunday school. It seemed like a good topic for prayer during the month of January, 2025. The start of the new year feels like a good time to step back and take stock of how God is at work in our lives and how much we do, or do not, depend on Him. During this month of January, in prayer, let's ask God:

- How much do we depend on Him daily? Is God someone we give focus to just on Sundays? How can we bring God to mind more often throughout each day?
- In what other things do we place our trust, in order to sustain us and to give us comfort? Do they truly provide rest and peace?
- Do we truly trust and believe that our faith in the existence of God, and the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, will assure us of eternal life? How often do we try to "earn" our salvation through good behavior and good works?
- To what extent do we trust in the salvation that God has given us?
- For the assurance of God's protection and care, what will we do today to show our love and gratitude to Him?
- To receive our thanks for His constant presence in our lives.
- To help us in our unbelief.

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Sunday Morning Worship

**First Sunday after the Epiphany
Celebrating the Baptism of our Lord**

January 12, 2025

Worship Theme: *"Jesus' resisting sin in the face of temptation, and Jesus' reliance on His Heavenly Father, are both a fulfillment of Israel's purpose and an example for us to follow."*

We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a "Book Bucket" with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship..... Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *'Tis So Sweet/Only Trust Him*..... *arr. Lopez*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

Come, ev'ry soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord,
And he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.
Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now;
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)*..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God.
Women: **it is he who made us, and we are his;**
Men: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
 Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
Women: **and his courts with praise;**
Men: **give thanks to him and praise his name.**
All: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

—Psalm 100

Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so.

***Hymn No. 342:**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation REGENT SQUARE

Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the reading of the Scripture.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 11 Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service.

A Moment for Children Shirley Wilson

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.

Hymn of Reflection:

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
 than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
 On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand,
 All other ground is sinking sand.

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His oath, his covenant, his blood
 support me in the whelming flood;
 When all around my soul gives way,
 he then is all my hope and stay.
 On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
 all other ground is sinking sand,
 All other ground is sinking sand.

Prayers of Confession Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.
 Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

Holy Lord, as we confess our sins to You, we acknowledge that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your written Word, and of neglect to see Your presence in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but those accusations shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.

We pray that You will go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now we ask You to rule over us in liberty and power.

We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, and for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Please deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—adapted from Dr. T. David Gordon

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
 slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

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Congregation: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed out transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:8-12

Thanks be to God.

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.

***Response Hymn: Gloria Patri** GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father,
 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
 World without end, Amen, Amen!

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

***Passing of the Peace** Thomas Brooks

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."
 And the answer of response: "And, also with you."*

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*) Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the reading of Scripture.

Epistle Reading: James 1:9-18 Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Sermon: "Tempted in Every Way as We Are" Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Luke 4:1-15

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Giffone

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