

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

9:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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Sunday Service at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

**Our Sunday 10 AM service is livestreamed**

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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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**A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.**

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### VOLUNTARY

Highland Cathedral  
arr. Kevin McChesney, Julie Turner and Pat Cates  
Great Highland Bagpipe, Organ      Bells of Hope; Pat Cates, Director

*During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE HYMN H-556

*(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4)*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise and alleluias loud;  
while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All*      Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST READING

*Please be seated.*

Micah 6:1-8

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Micah chapter 6...*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Refrain

You pure in heart on Zi - on's hill, Your joy - ful songs now  
 raise. In one ac-cord lift up your voice, Sing forth your  
 songs of praise. Sing forth your songs of praise.

Lord, who may abide in your temple? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
 Those who walk in righteousness; those who speak the truth from their heart;  
 those whose lips are free from malice; those who never wrong a friend;  
 those who do not rejoice over another's misfortune;  
 those who never wrong a friend;  
 those who are not bribed for the rights of the innocent;  
 those who lend money to the poor without gain;  
 those who despise corruption and evil;  
 those who honor the faithful who love the Lord. (*Refrain*)

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*Lector*      *The Second Reading is taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 1...*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one

might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

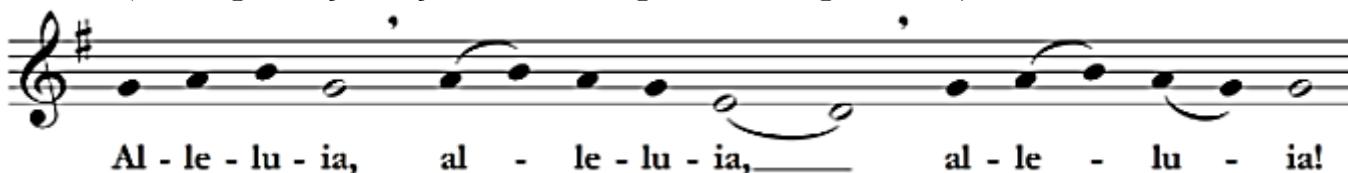
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong Mode VI

*(All sing this refrain after the choir sings it: choir sings the verse)*



Choir: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**(Refrain)**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant*      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.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

*Please be seated.*

The Rev. Whitney Burton

## NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

*People* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
AMEN.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
*Lector* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your  
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
*Lector* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Lector* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and  
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
*Lector* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use  
its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Lector* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of London Bates, Ronald Pylman, Sharon De Vore, Robyn Harker, Joana Felder, Betsey Grimmer, and Donna Charles.

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFSSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE BLESSING OF FEBRUARY'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY** When in Our Music God Is Glorified  
(*the text is at H-420, stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5*)

Thomas D. Huffman  
Choir and Bells

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**SANCTUS S-130**

Schubert/Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People      Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People      AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant      And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

*People      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, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Gerald R. Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)

## COMMUNION HYMN H-488

SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
Thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.**

*(choir only)*

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## THE SENDING HYMN

## God of Life, in Christ You Lead Us

## ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God of life, in Christ You lead us,  
 2 God of words and Word In - car - nate,  
 3 God of mu - sic, psalms and an - them,  
 4 God of days and years and e - ons,

Guid - ing us a - long the way,  
 Words that chal - lenge and em - brace,  
 Help us sing our faith a - new:  
 Still You call, as in the past.

In our past, through joys and sor - rows,  
 Grant us bold - ness in our speak - ing,  
 Mel - o - dies ex - pand - ing wor - ship,  
 Work un - done de - mands our la - bor,

You have been our strength and stay,  
 While we know Your lov - ing grace,  
 Har - mo - nies en - rich - ing too,  
 Jus - tice yeams for peace at last.

Keep us, faith-ful, true, dis-ci-ples,  
 Give us words both clear, and win-some,  
 May our lives be hymns, and in ac-tion,  
 Yours the vi-sion and the chal-lenge;

In Lov-ing our hearts learn-ing and lis-tening, our praise,  
 Tuned to the Christ in note and the cars,  
 Ours mis-sion and rhyme, praise,

Cel-e-brat-ing past and pres-ent,  
 Cel-e-brat-ing past and pres-ent,  
 Cel-e-brat-ing past and pres-ent,  
 Cel-e-brat-ing past and pres-ent,

Con-se-crat-ing fu-ture days.  
 Con-se-crat-ing fu-ture years.  
 Con-se-crat-ing fu-ture time.  
 Con-se-crat-ing fu-ture days.

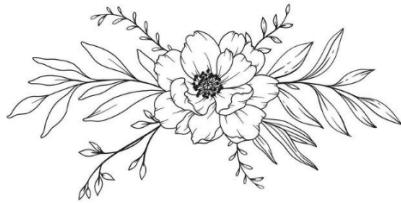
## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY**

And Again I Say, Rejoice

Brenda Portman



The flowers for today's worship service are donated in deep appreciation to everyone who has worked to make the 140th Anniversary Celebration a success. Thank you for a job well done!

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Assisting Clergy	Randy Hehr and Becky Robbins-Penniman
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Bells of Hope	Pat Cates, Director
Great Highland Bagpipe	Gemma Briggs
Snare Drum	Dave Dube
Guest Singers	Katie Koch, Soprano Sebastian Young, Tenor Mason King, Bass
Crucifer	Laura McGary
Torch/Chalicists	Joe Nixon and Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lectors	Carolyn Hughes and Gail Griffin
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Nancy Vallely and Bob DeStefano Jim and Mary Ratliff
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates
Welcome Table	Maureen Belote and Stephanie Scotti



### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR**

Gaby and Englebert W, John B, Michael W, Butchie L, Stephen W, Michelle G, Ana M, Gloria S, Blair B, Joel B, Stacy H, Lisa H, Ada H, Dan S, Annie H, Mickele F, The Augers, Ashley, Carol C, Tony B, the people of Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Melissa, Danial B, Alison W, Pat B, Liz N, Elaine H, David Q, Sarah R, David B, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Enez P, Bob S, James G, Millicent L, Lynne H, Butch N, Mary Ann W, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Bonnie S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, the people of Ukraine, Mark and Maryellen, and Kam M



### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Birthdays** – London Bates, Ronald Pylman, Sharon De Vore, Robyn Harker, Joana Felder, Betsey Grimmer, and Donna Charles.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Cheese, Wine, & History Reception** - Tuesday, February 3 from 6:30 to 8 PM.

Light refreshments served.

- First part of program: Author Vinnie Luisi will speak on the City of Dunedin and show photographs
- Second part of program: A tour of the Sanctuary to look at the historic artifacts in the building. Question and Answer period for both

**Fish Fry Dinner** - Friday, February 6 at 5:30 PM. Featuring locally caught fish with all the trimmings by Steve Maisel and our hospitality team. Tickets are \$15, children 6 and under are free. Additional drinks (beer and wine) available for \$5.00. Tables will be outside, in the courtyard area between the patio room and Kirk Hall, weather permitting, so please dress appropriately. If there is bad weather, the event will be moved inside to Kirk Hall.

**Worship Service with Bishop Scharf** - Sunday, February 8 at 9 AM. Reception to follow.

**Good Shepherd History** - The authors have completed their writing of "The Legacy Continues, the Church of the Good Shepherd since 1886" and are now offering it for sale in Kirk Hall following each worship service. Price of the book is \$40.00.

**United Faiths Walk of Peace** – 1:30 PM today in Pioneer Park, Dunedin. T-shirts will be on sale at COGS after service for \$15.

**Annual Meeting** - February 15<sup>th</sup> following the 9 AM combined service.

**Mardi Gras** is just around the corner. Bring in your spare beads and leave them in the bin in Kirk Hall. Better yet, join the COGS Mardi Gras Team and help us plan, decorate, or walk with our parade entry. Contact Linda Corliss or Crystal Collier if you would like to help or have questions.

**Regular meetings –**

Bible Study Wednesdays – 2-3:30 in the Lounge

Game Night 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays (Feb 13) – 6 PM in the Patio Room

Book Club (Feb 8) – 11:30 AM in the Patio Room

Youth Group (Feb 8) – 11:30 AM in the Youth Room