

# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale on *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

by: Richard Purvis

*The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.*

### †OPENING PRAYER

Author of creation:

In wisdom you brought forth all that is,  
to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom.  
You make holy the matter and energy of the universe  
that it may delight you and give you praise.

We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart  
by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory;  
through the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ,  
your Wisdom and your Word.

**Amen.**

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

*NICAEA*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

#### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us,  
working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world,  
striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God:  
forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive  
this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### †GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

TULANE



Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world; Glo - ry be to God the Son, re -  
deem - ing grace to give; Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir - ing us to love;  
One in three, three in one for - ev - er - more. A - men.

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy and merciful God,

We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation:  
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We have misused your earth, overused and wasted its resources,  
and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend,  
with grateful and compassionate hearts,  
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ANTHEM

Make My Life An Alleluia

by: Ruth Elaine Schram

Make my life an alleluia, a song of praise to You each day. To proclaim your grace and glory, fill my heart with your praise, I pray. When I stand at the mountaintop, or the valley of despair, this will be my cry, my song, my prayer; Lord, make my life and alleluia. Make my life an alleluia, a gift of love to You, my King. I will join with all creation in the song that the heavens sing! The earth will turn, and the planets spin, as the seasons ebb and flow; still, Your grace surrounds me as I go. Lord, make my life and alleluia. Make my life an alleluia, this offering of myself I give to You. I will share Your grace and mercy for as long as I shall live. When I come to my journey's end, may those left behind be reminded, this has been my cry, my song, my prayer: Lord, make my life and alleluia.

## PSALM 19

*Response:*

May the words of my mouth \_\_\_\_\_ and me-di - ta-tion of my heart \_\_\_\_\_ be  
pleas - ing \_\_\_\_\_ to you, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ May the Lord.

by Jeff Britton

The heavens herald your glory, O God, and the skies display your handiwork. Day after day they tell their story, and night after night they reveal the depth of their understanding. Without speech, without words, without even an audible voice, their cry echoes through all the world, and their message reaches the ends of the earth. **R**

**For in the heavens the sun has pitched a tent. It comes forth with the grandeur of a wedding procession, with the eagerness of an athlete ready to race. It rises at one end of the sky and travels to the other end, and nothing escapes its warmth. R**

Your law, YHWH, is perfect; it refreshes the soul. Your rule is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the naive. Your purposes, O God, are right; they gladden the heart. Your command is clear; it gives light to the eyes. **R**

**Holding you in awe, YHWH, is purifying; it endures. Your decrees are steadfast, and all of them just. They are more precious than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweeter than honey, than honey fresh from the comb. In them your faithful people find instruction; there is great reward in keeping them. R**

But who can detect one's own failings? Forgive the misdeeds I don't even know about! Keep your faithful one from presumption as well, so that my faults never control me. Then I will be blameless and innocent of a grave error. May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your sight, YHWH, my rock and my redeemer! **R**

## †HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above

**SERMON**

Everything is Sacramental

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**OFFERTORY**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. by: Jeffrey Blersch

**†DOXOLOGY, No. 94**

**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 uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 660

God Is Here

*ABBOT'S LEIGH*

1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

by: Benedetto Marcello

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Preacher:** Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*  
**Music:** Rev. Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, *Pastor of Music & Worship*  
Josh Sumter, *Music Associate & Organist*

*Floral arrangements were given to the glory of God by Shawn, Roger, John, and Stephen Roach in honor of Tanya Bissell, whose on-going three year journey has been a blessing to witness.*

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