



Reach One More For Jesus!
4th Sunday after the Epiphany
January 31, 2021

PRELUDE "Come and See" by Hamm/Miller Thelma Downey

CENTERING WORDS

If someone loves God, they are known by God. Love God, and trust that you are known by God.

WELCOME Elaine Majors

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine Majors

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

P: We praise God with our whole heart!

L: God's works are great!

P: Open our hearts and spirits to see Your works, O Lord!

L: Come, let us worship the Lord Who has saved us!

P: May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "To God Be the Glory" vs. 1 & 3 Hymnal Page #98

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**

OPENING PRAYER

Elaine Majors

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that You know us and love us. Help us, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of Your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of Your divine Wisdom, bring others closer to You and to Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

READINGS

Elaine Majors

Hebrews 11: 1, 4, 8, 27, 30, 39

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "GOT FAITH?"

Pastor Tom

- 1. FAITH IS BELIEVING WHEN I DON'T SEE IT**
- 2. FAITH IS OBEYING WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT**
- 3. FAITH IS GIVING WHEN I DON'T HAVE IT**
- 4. FAITH IS PERSISTING WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT**
- 5. FAITH IS THANKING GOD BEFORE I RECEIVE IT**
- 6. FAITH IS TRUSTING IF I DON'T GET IT**

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elaine Majors

Lord, accept these offerings, given with joy as a token of our praise, that they may be used in service to Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Know Whom I Have Believed" vs. 1 & 2

Hymnal Page #714

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known, nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.

Refrain:

But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.

2. I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart, nor how believing in His word wrought peace within my heart. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "The Summons" by Bell

Thelma Downey