



Sunday, February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day -- Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.

Prelude

Prelude in D Major
Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Introit

"Rejoice, Rejoice"
Music & Text - Mark Patterson

IPC Choir
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Call to Worship**

Zaara Cherukara

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised!

***Hymn of Praise -- #483 "Sing Praise to God"**

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – John 3:16-17

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

People: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Song

"If We Wait for the Lord"

Ralph Manuel and David William Hodges

Children's Choir
Janet Deden, Conductor
Christine Weeks, Piano

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Choral Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"

IPC Choir

Music - Howard Nelson

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 70 (pp. 584-585)

Zaara Cherukara

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:18-25 (p. 1135)

Sermon

"Patience, Patience, Patience..."

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Hymn of Response** "Be Still My Soul" (*see insert*)

PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

***The Nicene Creed** (ecumenical)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 on 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), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament saying:

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

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

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.

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Dennis Kuriakose, Elder for Personnel,
Property & Planning

Offertory

"Bless the Lord"

IPC Choir

Music - Jacques Berthier (Taizé Community)

Text from Psalm 103

***Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcome of Visitors

Dennis Kuriakose

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication -- #341 "Blessed Assurance"**

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

IPC Choir

Music - Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Fugue in C Major BWV 545

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's bulletin cover features Dutch artist Pieter de Grebber's "King David in Prayer" (ca. 1635-1640). This oil on canvas work is part of the collection of the St. Catherine's Convent Museum in Utrecht, The Netherlands. Today's sermon will focus on a prayer of David from Psalm 70.