

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February 2, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“He has done great things for me”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 126)

**Our mouths were filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,**

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #140**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty God, you have done great for us, but too often we take those things for granted instead of rejoicing. You have done great things for us, and we have complained about what we think we lack. You have done great things for us; help us, O Lord, to open our hearts, to accept these great things, and to rejoice each and every day. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8

LAW OF GOD

Philippians 4:4-7

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

*We worship You, Almighty God, In You alone is our delight,
We worship You, O holy God, And lift our voice to sing Your praise.
Alleluia, Alleluia*

This is the day (echo), that the Lord has made (echo).

We will rejoice (echo), and be glad in it (echo).

This is the day that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day (echo), that the Lord has made (unison.)

RESPONSIVE READING #33 Psalm 145 (Page 504 Hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI** *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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"Total Praise"* Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Mark 4:26-34** (Page 30 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #183** *"We Would See Jesus"*

SERMON **"Parables"**

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Chancel Choir
"I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands On Me"

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #486** *"Father Eternal"*

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE** *"Amen"*

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Ellie Clark

Ushers: Ellie Clark, Pete & Barbara Nickel, Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Vicki, Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Barbara Araromi & Doug Sonderfan

Next week's stewards (**February 9**):

Greeter: Rosalie Davis

Ushers: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk, Mike & Mandy Shafer

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Luncheon/Missionaries/Bring a dish to share.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

We are happy to have Doug Sonderfan sharing in the worship service this morning.

MISSIONARIES

Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mater, the missionaries whom we have been helping to support, are coming for a visit next Sunday. We are inviting them to the Adult Sunday School class at 9:30 that Sunday morning; everyone is welcome and come to talk with them in the library. Shelvis and Nancy will be sharing with us as the sermon during worship that morning. This should be an educational and inspiring time. The visit will end over a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We hope ya'll can take advantage of this opportunity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write down your prayer requests on the cards located in the pews, and place them in the offering plate for publication in our Weekly Reminder. Thanks for your assistance.

NEXT WEEK IS MISSION SUNDAY

Our Mission of the Month is Mark Knetsch and his new church plant, Resurrection Life Church. FRCC is helping Mark and his family as they prayerfully seek God's will for this exciting endeavor to spread the gospel in Holly Springs and southwestern Wake County. The mission: Res Life is a Family of God drawn to Jesus, Challenged by his message and Released into Southwest Wake County.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.