



28 January 2024

Theme: *Fourth Sunday After Epiphany*

Communion Sunday

Reverend Dr. Tom Garrison



A circular stained glass window featuring a large hand at the top, a lamb on the left, and a dove on the right. The background is filled with various religious symbols, including a cross, a wheel, and a book. The colors are primarily blue, red, and gold.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Seulij Choi, organ



WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING

peace

good
kingdom
world
century
people
without
to
desire
live
another
inner
one
christ
God
Jesus
harmony
long
give
time
reconciled
together
God's
hope
corner
peace
longing
love
hated
war

OPENING HYMN – CH 53

Morning Has Broken

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

SPECIAL PEOPLE



SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Read by *Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison*

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.”

For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their

conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.

When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 111

Read by Reverend Dr. Tom Garrison

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant

forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

SERMON: KNOWING WHAT TO HAVE FOR DINNER



RESPONSIVE HYMN – CH 259

Spirit of the Living God (2x)

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

**Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

OFFERING

Seulij Choi, organ

DOXOLOGY – Gloria! – CH 155

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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COMMUNION

APOSTLES CREED

Congregation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

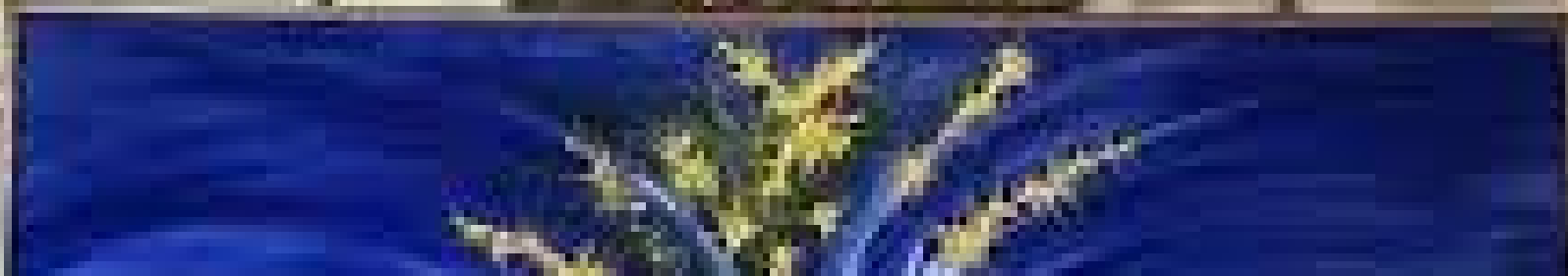
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION



Music
Seulij Choi (organ)

PRAYERS





ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – CH 677

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. "With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

*Sing
Amen!*



**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND
SERVE THE LORD.**

THANKS BE TO GOD

POSTLUDE



Seulij Choi, organ