

**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, January 31, 2021, 10:00 am**  
**4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Beginning Music** "All Honor"

**Prelude** "In Christ Alone" Ron Giannattasio

**Words to ponder:** "If someone loves God, they are known by God. Love God, and trust that you are known by God."

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20;  
Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**Scriptures for 5th Sunday after the Epiphany:** Isaiah 40:21-31;  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Praise God, who loves us all.

**People:** Praise God, who is full of mercy and compassion.

Leader: Praise God, who loves us well.

**People:** Praise God, who creates honesty and justice.

Leader: Praise God, who invites us to love.

**People:** Praise God, who loves through us and our actions.

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader

Loving God, love through us, as we worship your holy name.  
Love through us, as we listen for your holy word. Love through us, as we live your teachings and offer your love to our world. In your majestic name, we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** "Open My Eyes That I May See" Eunice Alberts,  
Ron Giannattasio

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

Rose Aiello

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:21-28 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts,  
Ron Giannattasio

**Sermon** "*We are Christ's - and that is enough*" Pastor Ed

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader

When we cry out with words that hurt, silence our cries and speak gently through our words. When we act in ways that hurt, even when help is intended, transform our hurtful actions with your grace. When we forget that we are loved and called to love, love us back into your likeness, that your love might flow freely through us and bring your love to the world. In your holy presence of love, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Eunice Alberts

**Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer** (*Unison*)

Holy, awesome God, we bring gifts of paper and coin, symbols of our gratitude and our love. Bless these symbols, that they may become acts of love and grace. Bless us and our gifts, that we may transform the world with love and grace. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**Sending Hymn** "Honor and Majesty"

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Unison*)

**Benediction Response** "Amen"

*Our Worship Tech Team*

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Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Tanya Lennon; Children's Time: Rose Aiello

Joys and Concerns: Eunice Alberts

Soloist(s): Eunice Alberts

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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