

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Let us worship God for the love that God has shown to us in Jesus!

Because for us, Jesus Christ came into the world:

for us he lived and showed God's love;

for us he suffered the darkness of Calvary and, with his last breath, cried, "It is finished";

for us he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life;

for us he ascended to reign at God's right hand.

He did all this for us before we knew anything of it.

For the extravagant, sacrificial love of God in Christ, let us bring God our thanks and praise!

Opening Hymn

"Reckless Love"

Caleb Culver | Cory Asbury | Ran Jackson

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me

You have been so so good to me

Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me

You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

O the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God

O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me

You have been so so good to me

When I felt no worth You paid it all for me

You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Chorus

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Opening Prayer (*responsively*)

O God, whose love is vast and measureless, wider than the universe,
unlimited and infinite:

In wonder, we worship you. Teach us to have that same love in us.

God, whose love will never run dry, will never fall short, will never fail:

In wonder, we worship you. Teach us to have that same love in us.

God, whose love knows nothing of our distinctions,
our notions of 'deserving' and 'undeserving', and which encompasses everyone:

**In wonder, we worship you. Teach us to have that same love in us, so that we
may learn to love you and our neighbors with all our heart, soul, mind and
strength. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer by Louise Gough. Posted on Worship Words. <http://worshipwords.co.uk/>

Anthem

"Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength"

Geron Davis | Bradley Knight

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A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

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New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Superheroes: Superpowers”

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

"The Gift of Love"

Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed

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