



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany **January 28, 2024**

Prelude: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* | African-American Spiritual | Arr. James Pethel

Opening Hymn: H-398 | *I sing the almighty power of God*

Gospel Hymn: H-581 | *Where charity and love prevail*

Offertory Anthem: *The Gift of Love* | Words: Hal Hopson, based on I Corinthians 13
Music: American Folk Tune, Arr. by Hal 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 giv'n 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 ev'ry deed. By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.

Communion Hymn: H-593 | *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Closing Hymn: H-567 | *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

Postlude: Come, Thou Almighty King, *Hymn Tune Fantasy on "Italian Hymn"* |
by Carl McKinley | Arr. by Reginald Gerig

The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Readings: https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi4_RCL.html

Psalm 111 – Prayed responsively by **half** verse

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warm Clothing & Coat Drive – Extended through February 4th. **If you are able to help sort and pack the donations after worship, please let Dawn know.** Sponsored by the EDOW Refugee Response Team. During the month of January, we will collect items for EDOW's Refugee Response Team. EDOW's Refugee Response Team supports migrant family needs in the DC area. There is an urgent need for winter clothing for all ages, particularly coats, pants and winter accessories. Click here for a list of suggested in-kind donations that would be helpful and appreciated [in-kind donation guide](#). If these items are not accessible to you, please consider donating items on the [general wishlist](#). We will provide a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help deliver items to the collection site.

Wine Tasting & Raffle Auction – Sunday, February 5 at 5:30 PM. The event is for people 21 and older. Please save the date. Please sign up through the SignUp Genius or on the sign-up sheets on the back door of the church.

Thank You! – Reverend Beth, Carolyn and Dawn are extremely grateful for your generous gifts at Christmas. Dawn plans to use the gift for vestments and other items as she moves toward becoming a Deacon. We are blessed to serve here at St. Nicholas! Thank you!

Palms and Ash Wednesday, February 14th – Please feel free to return your palms to St. Nicholas to be made into ashes for Ash Wednesday. Save the date for the Community Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 7:30 PM at Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Ashes will be available at St. Nick's from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**PLEASE TAKE INSERT HOME &
RETURN THE SERVICE LEAFLET TO THE WELCOME TABLE.**

