



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Who, O Lord, can live in Your tent?

People: Those who live free from blame and do what is right.

Leader: Those who speak the truth sincerely and do no damage with their talk.

People: Those who do not harm a friend or insult a neighbor.

Leader: Who, O Lord, can dwell on Your holy mountain?

People: Those who despise what is wicked and who honor the Lord.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Powerful and merciful God, You have instructed us in holy scripture to love one another, and to treat each other as we wish to be treated.

People: We confess our tendency to rebel and choose to go our own way.

Leader: Forgive us when we are impatient and unkind.

People: Forgive us when we are envious and boastful.

Leader: Forgive us when we are irritable and rude.

People: Forgive us when we are hateful and divisive.

Leader: Forgive us when we are resentful and unforgiving.

People: Forgive us when we falter in generosity.

Leader: Grow in us the desire to live by Your words of truth and life.

People: Give us faith, that we may offer Your hope and love to all Your children, both near to us and far away.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God's heart is filled with kindness and mercy. By the power of the Spirit, God's love is poured into our lives. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Doxology

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Reflection

"Walk in the Spirit of Love"

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-36

Sermon

"A More Excellent Way"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"Benediction"

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