

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPHANY

January 28, 2024 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Echo Fantasy"

Gerhardus Scronx

Welcome and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

Minister: We come to worship a remarkable God,

People: whose teaching is matchless in authority and grace.

Minister: In our moments of fragility and fear,

People: Christ offers us a haven, a rock upon which we can stand.

Minister: Let us worship God with expectation and joy,

All: for in His word, we find our refuge and strength.

♪↑ Hymn: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

VU 578

Prayer

♪+ Hymn: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

MV 10

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

*Jesus teaches at the synagogue*

Anthem: "Guide My Feet, Lord"

Traditional Spiritual

Arr.: John Carter

Sermon: "Authority in Vulnerability"

Meditative Music: "If You will trust in God to guide you"

Robert Graham

♪↑ Offering Hymn: "God Says" (verses 3 and 4)

MV 172

God says, "Come here! I need your voice.

Please teach my people to rejoice.

In who you are,

in what you do,

your life will show my love for you."

God says, "Reach out! The world's in need

and wants a word, a song, a deed.

I send you forth

to speak, to sing,

to act for Christ in everything."

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

♪+ Lord's Prayer (together)

VU 960

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

🎵↑ **Hymn:** “When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides” MV 169

**Commissioning and Benediction**

🎵↑ **Benediction Response:** “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” (verse 4) MV 150

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us,  
bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge,  
we’ll greet the new dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Postlude:** “Processional in C” Hal Hopson

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**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: January 28, 2024**

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

**Title:** "Authority in Vulnerability"

**Synopsis:** Jesus' authoritative teaching is a source of strength in vulnerability, offering us a message of hope and resilience when we face challenging times.

**Questions for Reflection and Sharing:**

1. Reflect on a moment when admitting vulnerability led to a deeper spiritual understanding or connection.
2. How can the model of Jesus’ teaching inspire us to find strength in our vulnerabilities?
3. As a church, how can we create a space where vulnerability is seen as a strength rather than a weakness?

**Worship Leaders:**

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung  
Scripture Reader: Sandra Trueman  
Music Director: Colleen Coulter  
Organist: Madelene Klassen  
Choir Leader: Victor Burke  
Pianist: Patrick Zhu  
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir  
Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Chris Lay  
Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong  
Webminder: Debra Danny



**KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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