

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY; 11:00 AM

**PRELUDE, GATHERING,
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Our God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up our wounds.*

**God takes pleasure in those
who place their trust in God's grace.**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise the Lord!

**CHOIR
SERMON**

He Touched Me

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Wild Goose Resource Group.

(refrain) ... The people of God respond in praise:

**Great Is Your Name.
Great Is Your Love.**

HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **139**

PRAYER Presbyterian Outlook

**Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way.
Clear our minds of daily distractions.
Fill our hearts with the humility we need, to hear
& receive the message you intend for us today.
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 40:21-31*

GOSPEL *Mark 1:29-39*

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

HYMN *Take Time to Be Holy* **395**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE (ps 147)FotW

**God, you are everlasting,
the creator of all that is.
Your understanding is beyond measure.
We confess to you that we have
sinned against you and our neighbors.
In your compassion, forgive us, for
we place our hope in your steadfast love.
{silent prayers}**

HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* **452**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FotW

**We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving,
making melody to you with our praise.
Use these gifts to spread your gospel near & far,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION hymnal pages 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* **569**

SENDING from Unfolding Light by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*... The world around you cries out for healing.
Possibly someone near you.
Take their hand. Lift them up. Receive their gifts.*

This torn world is mended one stitch at a time.

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*May the peace of Christ bless you and keep you
wherever you may go.*

We go to serve as the Spirit guides.

POSTLUDE

Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary
Year B – Epiphany Season; February 4, 2024

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Scriptures

Isaiah 40:21–31

Psalms 147:1–11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

Mark 1:29–39

Questions for Reflection

What does Paul mean when he says that he became all things to all people so that he could save some (1 Cor. 9:22)?

Morning Prayers:

Mark 1:35

In the morning, while it was still very dark,
Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,
and there he prayed.

As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God,
bless me with a sense of purpose.

As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Everlasting God, you have been here
from the foundations of the earth.

I give to you this day now ending,
with all its gifts and failings.

As I rest through the night,
renew my strength and, in my dreams,
lift me up on the wings of eagles. Amen.

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Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever,
He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.
Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

Mark 1

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