

First UMC
A United Methodist Community
In Moorestown, New Jersey
*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

February 7, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Prelude on Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Callhan

WELCOME Pastor Tom Korkuch

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

People: God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.

Leader: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven
and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

People: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

All: Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our hearts' true worship. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow
in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of
your love within and beyond these church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or
misunderstanding; through Christ our head, and the Holy Spirit our strength. Amen.**

GATHERING MUSIC I Come With Joy

PSALTER READING 859 Psalm 147 (Verses 1-11)

L: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; a song of praise is fitting.

P: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

L: The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

P: The Lord determines the number of the stars, and gives to all of them their names.

L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

P: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, but casts the wicked to the ground.

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

P: make melody upon the lyre to our God

L: who covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow upon the hills.

P: The Lord gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

L: The Lord takes no delight in the might of a horse nor pleasure in the strength of a runner,

**P: but the Lord takes pleasure in the faithful,
in those who hope in the Lord's steadfast love.**

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise to the Lord / Mighty To Save

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Pastor Tom Korkuch

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

SERMON

“Knowing and Being Known”

Pastor Tom Korkuch

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING MUSIC

The Gift of Love / Kings Road Revival

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

This I Believe

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, Gloria-Jean Opperman, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Barbara Dapper, Nancy Gager (Paul Gager’s sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber and her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Louise McMeans, Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski.

SONGS FOR February 7, 2021

I COME WITH JOY (by Brian Wren)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go on different ways, and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise. (1972 Hope Publishing Co.)

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (Joachim Neander, S. Paul Schilling, Rupert E. Davies)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attaining.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again, gladly forever adore him. (U.M. Publishing House)

MIGHTY TO SAVE (Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan)

Well, ev'ryone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Well, let mercy fall on me.

Well, everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of the Savior. The hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, he can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, and fill my life again.

I give my life to follow everything I believe in. And now I surrender. *Chorus (2x)*

Shine your light and let the whole world see. Singin' for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see. Singin' for the glory of the risen King. *Chorus (2x)*

Shine your light and let the whole world see. Singin' for the glory of the risen King, Jesus. (3x)
Shine your light and let the whole world see. Singin' for the glory of the risen King.
(2006 Hillsong Publishing)

THE GIFT OF LOVE (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 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. (UMH '72 Hope Pub.)

KINGS ROAD REVIVAL (by Norm Dorrell)

Bow my head and wait for You to speak, Tell me all Lord, tell me how I can serve You, serve You.
Hear the spirit calling out to me, Got to get up got to get moving right now, right now! Knowing that
You have a plan for us, Faithfully we hear and answer to Your call, Your call now!
*Chorus: Kings Road Revival, is happening right now. This is the message that we send.
Sharing the love of Christ throughout this hurting world. Kings Road revival never ends!*

Eagerly we seek Your will for us, Holding fast to promises that You gave us, to save us. We're
inviting all to come and see, Your love shared the way it's meant to be by us, for all. Knowing that
You have a plan for us Faithfully we hear and answer to Your call, your call now. (chorus)

THIS I BELIEVE (The Creed) (by Matt Crocker & Ben Fielding)

Our Father everlasting the all creating One, God Almighty. Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving
Christ the Son, Jesus our Saviour.

*Chorus: I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is three in one. I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,
for I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. *Chorus*

I believe in You. I believe You rose again. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat)

I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the saints' communion,
and in Your holy church. I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again,
for I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Chorus: I believe in God the Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in one. I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus (2 times) For I believe in the Name of Jesus. (Hillsong Music Pub.)