

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

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY** - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. If this is your first visit, please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (\*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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**Prelude**

**Welcome  
Announcements**

**Invocation:** unison

**God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people calling us back to your covenant and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus teaching with authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**\*Hymn #2032:** *My Life Is In You, Lord*

**\*Call To Worship:** responsive

Leader: Praise the LORD!

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

**People: Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

**People: They are established forever and forever.**

Leader: God's works extend to you and me and the

whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!**

Leader: God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

**All: We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truthful-tellers in our midst helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen**

**Passing the Peace**

**Ministry in Music:** *Over My Head* (traditional)

**Psalm 111:** pg.832 first responses

**Joys & Concerns & God Moment**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**UMH #70**

**Prayer for Illumination:** Unison

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8 - 1-13 pg. 171**

**\*Hymn #367:** *He Touched Me*

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1 - 21-28 pg.35 New Testament

L. This is The Word of God, for the People of God.

**P. Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn ##133:** *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

UMH #95

**\*Our Prayer of Dedication:** unison

**We offer our gifts to you, O God, and through this act we acknowledge that you alone are the source of all our strength. We pray these gifts will honor you. This we ask in Jesus' name.  
Amen**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song #665:** *Go Now In Peace*

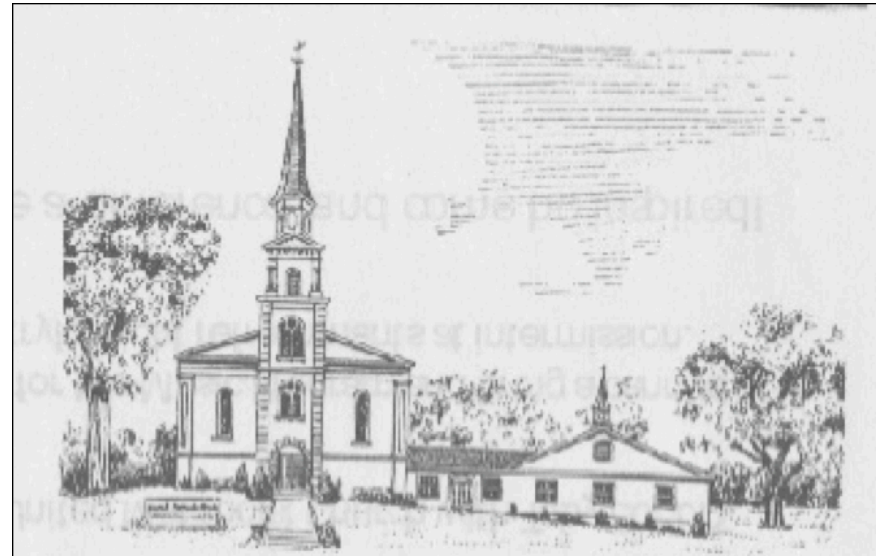
**Postlude**

**Offering:** Please leave your offering in the plate as you leave or mail it. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

**-Thank you to George Kiakis for leading our worship today.**

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Jessica Guarnera, Dave Fanaras, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Lucy Huegli, Bill Guarnera, Andrea Schlachter, Kelly & Steve Camp, Kevin McLaughlin, Bill Pead, Bill Beyer, Cathy Demers, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, George Kiakis, Family of Marion Winters, Mark Felsentreger, Dot Lambert & Family, Bob Falgares.

# Welcome to our church



Drawing by Dick Gable.

## United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

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Every Sunday after worship: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Join Pastor Ira in Fellowship Hall for coffee & conversation

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Bells rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

February 13: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustee  
on Zoom

February 14: 9:00 a.m. United Women in Faith. All are welcome.

-Ash Wednesday service

February 16: 5:00-5:30 p.m. pick up Grab & Go meal

February 25: Newsletter Deadline

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If you are in need of prayers or need to speak  
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