

**Scripture Reading**

*Mark 1:1-13*  
Leader: The Word of the Lord ~  
People: Thanks be to God ~

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**Sermon**

*'Following Jesus'*

*Rev. Dr. Marc Shefelton*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

"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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

**\*Communion Hymn No. 163**

*'As With Gladness Men of Old'*

**Communion**

**\*Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Dedication of Offering**

**\*Dismissing Hymn No. 151**

*'Good Christian Men, Rejoice!'*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*'Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne'*

*~ Matthews*

*We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.*

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*“Join us for a drink of Living Water”*  
**January 7, 2024**

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)*

## ***Meditation***

*"Nothing will make our words penetrate more than that which is true in us and comes from the heart in total sincerity. If we want to have more effect, we must humbly ask God to make our lives demonstrations of the truth of our message."* ~ R. Kent Hughes

## ***Westminster Chimes and Announcements***

*(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)*

## ***Opening Prayer***

### ***Prelude***

*‘We Three Kings’*

*~ Hopkins*

***\*Call to Worship*** (Isaiah 53, Matthew 3:17, 17:5) *Karen Woodeshick, Lay Assistant*

Leader: God said, “This is my Son, with whom I am pleased.”

**People: But this one has no splendor, no beauty we would fancy.**

Leader: “This is my child, in whom I take delight.”

**People: But this one carries the load of a servant, not the scepter of a king.**

Leader: “This is my child, whom I have called.”

**People: But this one demands justice from all earth's nations; his words shall judge our own.**

Leader: “This is my child, whom I uphold.”

**People: But this one would release the dungeon's prisoners; he would set the captives free.**

Leader: “This is my child, whose hand I hold.”

**People: But this one is a man of sorrows; he is no stranger to grief.**

Leader: “This is my child; I give him to you.”

**People: Surely this child will bear our suffering on his shoulders and carry our rejection in his heart. Wounded for our transgressions, he will be cut off from the land of the living. Like sheep we have gone astray; like a lamb he shall be led to the slaughter. And still our God declares it: “This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”**

## ***\*Praise Songs***

*‘Great Are You Lord’*

*‘Reckless Love’*

## ***Call to Confession***

### ***Prayer of Confession (In unison)***

God of all mercy, in our baptisms you have marked us as your own; you have given us a new identity and made us part of the body of Christ. In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life and to live together in community. However, we have not been faithful to your call. We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits. We confess we have failed to welcome others, broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters, and served ourselves more than you. Forgive us, we pray, by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen... (silent prayers of confession)

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

### ***\*Gloria Patri***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

### ***\*Affirmation of Faith*** *Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 1-3*

#### **What is man's primary purpose?**

Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

#### **What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy him?**

The only authority for glorifying and enjoying him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.

#### **What does the Bible primarily teach?**

The Bible primarily teaches what man must believe about God and what God requires of man.