



Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Voice”

Mark 1:21-28

Reverend Fernando Rodriguez

January 28, 2024

***We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God’s Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.***

**Prelude**

Played by Nancy Church

**Welcome**

Reverend Fernando Rodriguez

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord!**

Leader: We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

**People: God's righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: Let us worship God!**

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

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where-e’er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**\*\*Invitation to Confession**

Christi Todd

Leader: God has told us what is good, what is required:

**People: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.**

Leader: These commands are so simple, yet we know we have not always followed them.

**People: With that knowledge, we confess.**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Great God, we know that you are our God, and that we are mere mortals, but self-righteousness still consumes us, arrogance still guides our decisions, and we become isolated and alone.

**People: Bring us back to rest in your sovereign love, encourage us in relationship, and guide us to live in the community of faith, that we might experience your love building us up, enabling us to do the work to which you call us.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

## **\*\* Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.

**People: It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and justice.**

Leader: This good news is for you: God claims you, Christ welcomes you, and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to our God now and forever.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

**People: And, also with you.**

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

## **\*\*Response to Forgiveness**

**“Just as I Am”**

Purple Hymnal 442 (v.1)

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**New Testament Reading**

Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Sermon**

“Voice”

**\*\*Response to Sermon**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Purple Hymnal 726 (v. 1, 5)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication****\*\*Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 606

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.

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## **\*\*Prayers of the People and the 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **\*\*Closing Hymn**

**"We Are One in the Spirit"**

Purple Hymnal 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

**(Refrain)**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

**(Refrain)**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

**(Refrain)**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

**(Refrain)**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Leader:           And the people of God say

People:           Alleluia. Amen.

**Postlude**

*Please join us for the Lunch and Learn immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.*

**This Week's Visiting Minister,  
Reverend Fernando Rodriguez**

**Rev. Fernando Rodriguez** serves as the Associate Presbyter for Mission in the Denver Presbytery. In this role, he serves as a catalyst for new worshipping communities throughout the presbytery. He also helps existing congregations re-imagine mission and ministry.

For more than 14 years of ordained ministry, Fernando has served in a variety of church settings including new worshipping communities, older established churches, dying churches, high steeple, urban and suburban, as well as Latinx, African American and predominantly European American congregations. He has served churches in Indiana, Delaware, and most recently in Michigan.

He is happily married to Kecelyn and they have two children, Matías and Sionely.

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

**For Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

**A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:**

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

**Office Hours:**

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Deadlines:**

**The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**

**Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.**

**Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.**

**Church Officers:**

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Purple - "Glory to God"  
Yellow - "Hymns for the Family of God"

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