

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



newchurch
chiesa nuova, united church of christ

February 2, 2025
11:00 am CST

WE GATHER

CHIMING THE HOUR WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

SONG OF PRAISE

The Gift of Love

Words & Music by Hal Hopson



Though I may speak _____ with brav - est
Though I may give _____ all I pos -
Come, Spir - it, come, _____ our hearts con -



fire, _____ and have the gift _____ to all in -
-sess, _____ and striv - ing so _____ my love pre -
-trol, _____ our spir - its long _____ to be made _



- spire, _____ and have not love, _____ my words are _
- fess, _____ but not be giv'n _____ by love with -
whole. _____ Let in - ward love _____ guide ev - 'ry _



vain, _____ as sound - ing brass, _____
-in, _____ the prof - it soon _____
deed; _____ By this we wor -



_____ and hope - less _____ gain.
_____ turns strange - ly _____ thin.
- ship, and are _____ freed.

◆ Please rise in body and spirit as you are able.

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INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

FIRST LESSON

Rhesa Higgins

1 Corinthians 13. 1-13

WE PRAY**SONG OF PRAYER***Anon. Argentina*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart, a -
 ¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te -

dores You! My heart is glad to
 a - dora! Mi cor - - a - zón te

say the words: You are ho - ly, God.
 sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.

Invitation**Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Music by Jason Silver



Our God in hea - ven _ Ho - ly be _ Your name _



Your kin-dom come, _ Your will _ be done _ on earth as it is in hea



ven. _ Give us this day _ our



dai - ly bread _ and Lord, _ for-give our sins _ as we _ for-give



_ those who sin a - gainst _ us. _



And lead us not _ in _ _ to temp-ta - tion but _



de-liv-er us _ from e - vil for _ Yours _ is _ the kin - dom _ and the pow



_ wer _ and the glor - ry _ for - ev -

WE LISTEN

◆ GOSPEL

Rev. Monica Bradley Luke 22. 19-20

One: Please rise in body and spirit as you are able as we share in the reading of the Gospel According to Luke.

All: **Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And Jesus did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my life.”**

MESSAGE

Six Stone Jars: Refusing to Forget
Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

SONG OF RESPONSE

Refiner's Fire

Words and Music by Brian Doeksen



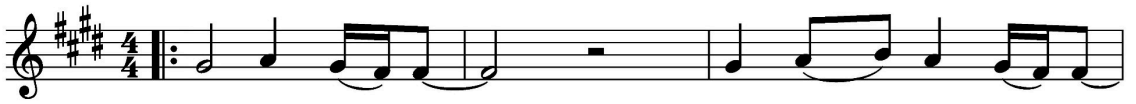
Pu - ri - fy__ my heart,__ let me be as



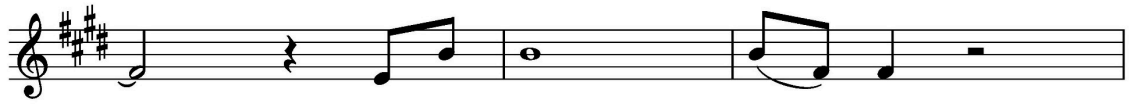
gold and pre - cious sil - ver. Pu - ri - fy__ my heart,



__ let me be as gold, pure__ gold.



Re - fin - er's__ fire:__ Our heart's__ one de - sire__



__ is to be ho - ly,



set__ a - part for You,__ Lord. We choose to



be ho - ly, set__ a - part for__ You,



__ our Sav - ior, Read-y to__ do__ Your__ will.__

WE RESPOND

HOLY COMMUNION

The Story
The Blessing
The Invitation
The Sharing
The Song

Come to the Table

Words and Music by Ben McDonald, Dave Frey, and Ben Glover

We all start on the outside

The outside looking in

This is where grace begins
We were hungry, we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in

Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us

You said to come to the table
Come join the people who have been redeemed
Take your place by our Redeemer
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

The Thanks

WE DEPART

Reminders

◆ BLESSING

◆ SONG OF DEPARTING

God of Justice
Words by Tim Hughes

Je - sus, You have called _ us. Free-ly we've re-ceived, now
 free-ly we will give. We must go, live to feed the hun - gy, stand be-side the
 bro - ken, we must go. ____ Step - ing for-ward, keep us from just
 sing-ing, move us in - to ac - tion, we must go. _ Fill us up and send us out,
 fill us up and send us out, fill us up and send us out. ____ We will
 go, live to feed the hun - gy, stand be-side the bro - ken, we will go. ____
 _ Step - ing for-ward, keep us from just sing - ing, move us in - to
 ac - tion, we will go. ____ We will go.

◆ **THE PEACE – LA PAZ**

ONE: The peace of Chrsit be with you. **MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: La Paz de Cristo esté con vosotros. **MANY: Y tambien contigo**

◆ **SENDING**

GET INVOLVED

EPIPHANY BOOK CLUB CONTINUES

Wednesdays, 02.05 – 02.26

6:33 pm on Zoom.us

For this Season of Epiphany, and in preparation for Lent, we will be reading and discussing the book, *Fasting: Spiritual Freedom Beyond Our Appetites* by Lynne M. Baab.

Ours is a consumer culture, predisposed to quickly fill the cravings of body and mind. The idea of fasting, the voluntary denial of something for a specific time, for a spiritual purpose, can seem daunting. But Lynne Baab makes the case that fasting can free us from the patterns and habits that mark everyday life and separate us from God and each other.

In *Fasting*, we'll discover an ancient Christian practice that extends beyond giving up food to any regular activity in our contemporary lives. In a time of great spiritual hunger, God invites us all to a feast: fellowship with our God of the universe, where all our truest needs are identified and attended to.

This book is available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) in paperback and Kindle. And as always, you don't have to have read the book to participate. Please just come and join the conversation. We'll learn together that fasting is not as difficult as we might think.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 6:33 pm

Everyone is invited to an evening of sharing a meal and God-talk. We will pick a topic and all are invited to share your thoughts and ideas. There is no book to read, podcast to listen to or video to watch. We will gather at the Bankhead Brewpub, 13090 Bee Street, Farmers Branch, 75234. You can read more about the brewpub [here](#). We hope to see you there.

JUSTICE & JAZZ VESPERS

Worship with us at Justice & Jazz Vespers on Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary at 6464 E Lovers Lane, Dallas, 75214. (St Paul's UCC). As always, the service will begin at 5:00 pm and conclude by 6:00 pm, unless the Spirit gets ahold of us and we stay a brief few minutes longer. The service, as always, will feature local jazz musicians, Sounds of Justice

The goals of our Vespers Ministry are to provide a vibrant, spiritual worship service enhanced and inspired by jazz music. The ministry will develop justice leaders, communicate about justice efforts in our city, the DFW area, our state, and beyond, and grow community and connection among justice.

LET'S DO LUNCH

Today, February 2, at 12:15pm All are invited to a Dutch Treat lunch today at Smoky Rose, 8602 Garland Rd, Dallas, 75218, across from the Arboretum. This is a counter service restaurant. We can order and then enjoy sitting together outside in their courtyard. No RSVP needed!



LENT BEGINS – ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 6:33 pm

On March 5, all are invited to gather on Ash Wednesday evening. We will worship in-person and online at 6:33 pm, and though you might think it to be a somber affair, the truth is, while Ash Wednesday invites us to remember our finite nature as human beings, we will also remember the resurrecting love of God.

Ash Wednesday, as the beginning of the 40-day Season of Lent, invites us to accept the truth of our human existence, that we are dust, while always remembering God's promise of

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resurrecting love is real. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of an amazing journey. We hope to see you and worship with you on this special evening.

newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the newchurch – the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

Did You Know...

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzɑ/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of newchurch.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

2/2

11:00 am

12:15 pm

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Let's Do Lunch – Dutch Treat Lunch at Smoky Rose

2/5

6:33 pm

Epiphany Book Club

Zoom.us, email to info@thenewchurch.com to get the link

2/9

11:00 am

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ONLINE

2/11

6:33 pm

Theology on Tap

Bankhead Brew Pub, Farmer's Branch

2/12

6:33 pm

Epiphany Book Club

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2/16

11:00 am

5:00 pm

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

ONLINE ONLY

Justice & Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary

In Person Onsite & Online

2/23

11:00 am

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ONLINE

