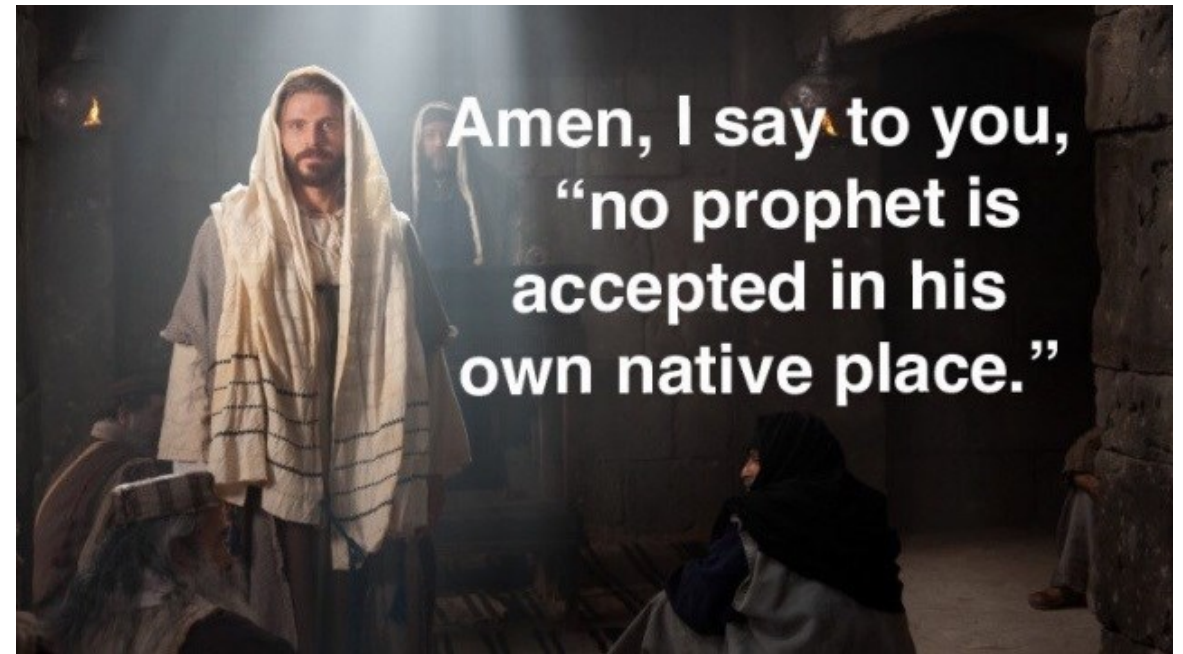


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Fourth Sunday
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February 2, 2025



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JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,

inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the One who saves us.

Today, the word of God comes to us, in hope,

inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

SING A HYMN: (Church Choice)

****PRAY:** *(After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)*

Loving and eternal God, We come before You in prayer, drawing strength from the promises of Your word. We bring before You the needs of the Church, the world, ourselves, and others, trusting in Your grace and faithfulness. Lord, we pray for Your Church, the body of Christ on earth. Strengthen its leaders, clergy, and laity as they answer Your call to serve. May the Church be a place of refuge, hope, and love, reflecting Your truth to a world in need. Empower us to embody the love described in 1 Corinthians 13 so that through patience, kindness, and humility, your light may shine brightly. Unite us in mission, breaking down barriers that divide us, so as to extend Your grace to all.

God of all creation, we lift up the world to You. We pray for nations and leaders that they may seek justice, peace, and the common good. Where there is division, bring reconciliation; where there is suffering, bring relief. We remember the poor, the marginalized, and those impacted by war, climate change, and injustice. May Your Spirit move across the earth, inspiring compassion and healing. Lord Jesus, you taught us to care for one another in love. We bring before you those who are struggling today: the sick, the lonely, the grieving, and the anxious. Surround them with Your comfort and peace. For those who feel rejected or excluded, may they find acceptance in You and through the kindness of others. We also pray that those who serve others with courage and selflessness may be strengthened and supported in their work.

Gracious God, as we offer these prayers to You, we remember the truth of Your kingdom: Your love knows no boundaries, and Your grace is for all. Help us live in ways that reflect this truth so that we may be instruments of hope and healing in the world. May we, as Your people, walk in faith, stand for justice, and extend Your love to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SING A HYMN: "Fill My Cup, Lord" (sing twice) (UMH #641) (CCLI 20203297)

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

READ SCRIPTURE: Like 4:21-30

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

READ OR LISTEN: The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth (See Insert) Pastor Nan

HOLY COMMUNION: Rejection (See Insert) Pastor Nan

*****OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)**

Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our faith community and the world. May each offering be a seed that will grow, spread, and perfume the atmosphere with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

******BENEDICTION:** *(Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)*

God did not say that it would be easy to bring the good news to all people, but God did say that God would be with you. So go now in peace, walking humbly with God. Bring the good news of hope to all the people. **Amen.**

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Had you been in the synagogue at Nazareth, what questions would you have wanted to ask Jesus? Would you have been one who tried to kill him? Why or why not?

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Comfort someone who feels rejected by letting them know that God loves them.

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