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Order of Worship January 14, 2024 First Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Give Me a Sign Sermon: "It's a Sign"

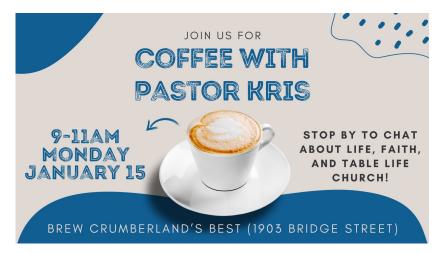
We Come to the Table

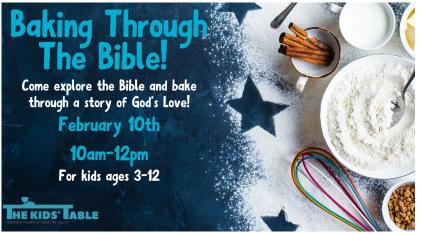
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen







Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What stood out to you from this message? What did you hear from God?
- 2. Have you ever received a sign from God? How did you know? What did that do for your faith?
- 3. Why do you think God points to only the next step for us?
- 4. What kinds of internal signs from God have you experienced? How does following those signs make you more in tune with future signs from the Holy Spirit?
- 5. Why does it matter that God also gives us visible signs? In what ways has God shown up in your life?
- 6. What sign is God giving you that you have been putting aside or ignoring? How can you practice being more attentive to signs from God this week?

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Give Me a Sign "It's a Sign" Pastor Kris Beckert

Do you believe God really gives us signs?

John 16:12-15 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

What does Jesus show us about signs from God?

£1. Signs point us to	
They don't necessarily revealNot knowing is actually part of the	
2. Signs are	

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on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- The Holy Spirit is always _______
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John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 15:26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

• "Spirit"—paraclete –

#3. Signs can be _____

John 16:16 Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

 God makes himself known to people in the Bible:

- Moses-- bush
- Abraham—through the hospitality of strangers
- Elijah—in a still small voice
- ♦ Peter-- in a vision
- Jacob and Joseph—in a dream
- Shepherds-- saw baby Jesus
- Ethiopian eunuch—in the reading of scripture
- Jesus' parable—serving the poor

Big Idea: ˌ			

The Merton Prayer:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen.