

Worship Service ~ February 7, 2021, 9:00

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by LaVone Radtke.

PRELUDE MUSIC Hymn Tune Sketch on *Healer of Our Every Ill*
(ELW #612) by Keith Kolander

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG ELW #532 *GATHER US IN* stz 1, 4

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in,
the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom,
and now is the day, Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own; gather us in,
all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

~Silence for reflection~

L: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—

our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

L: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Everlasting God,

C: you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE WITH DEACON NINA

SPECIAL MUSIC Lauren Kroschel, piano; piece by Tchaikovsky

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 9:16-18

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 151 *ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 1st chapter of Mark.

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #612 *HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL* stz 1, 3

Refrain:

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *refrain*

Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *refrain*

MESSAGE Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children

MUSICAL OFFERING "*How Great is the Goodness*" by Robert Greene
Faith Online Choir, Linda Burk, director

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, **O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish
us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our
saving grace. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #715 *CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT* stz 1, 3, 5

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

refrain

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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