

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

February 10, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candles

Prelude: **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** Madrid
Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Kevin McChesney

*Hymn: **O Lord, You Are My God and King** #270

Call to Worship:

Leader: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

People: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

Leader: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

People: **You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16:7-11

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, deliver us from the burden of sin as we make our confession. Remove the scales from our eyes, for we overlook neighbors in need. Cleanse us of selfishness, which keeps us from serving them. Purge us of vanity, since we expect them to be grateful. Help us not to brood over the seeming ingratitude of some we serve. Restore us by Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and purify our intentions. Make us fit for your service. In Christ's name we pray.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us** Dvořák

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God shows His love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

People: **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.** First Peter 2:24

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory: **Morning Has Broken** Gaelic Melody
Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. McChesney

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 27**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: **When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

People: **One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

People: **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: **"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

People: **If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

People: **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 18:21-35**

Anthem: **Down to the River to Pray** Lloyd Larson

Time for Young Disciples
Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.

*Hymn: **Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive** #444

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:7**

Sermon: **Kingdom Living: Blessed Are the Merciful**

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: from The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate *people* from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of *humanity*. His service to men *and women* commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of *humankind* so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of *person* in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*Hymn: **Help Us Accept Each Other** #754

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Blest Are They** #172
Josie Peck, leader

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 10

6:00 pm Valentine Bingo

Monday, February 11

9:00 am Prayer Group

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, February 12

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 17

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Youth

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Perdue Sue Johnson
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Shepherd: Vickie Wallace

Liturgist: Amy Maurer

Reader: Johnny Brown

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THE SESSION

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³ Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

~ Matthew 5:3-7