



Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 5, 2023



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GATHERING TOGETHER

As we prepare for worship together, in person or virtually, you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking or singing aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. *The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Where'er You Walk
George Frederick Handel
Public Domain

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Patti Snyder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 6th Graders

Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

*HYMN No. 175

Seek Ye First

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bizza Britton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy One,

you created the world in love, and yet we rarely reflect it.

We confess that we have built a house on the foundation

of our favorite traditions,

our likes and dislikes,

a rose-colored view of history,

and a sense of being more right than “they” are.

We admit that we have judged other houses without ever being inside, and we have resisted too much scrutiny of our own.

Forgive us, when we have not treated others as we would want to be treated. Forgive us, when we have repeated your words but rarely acted on them. Forgive us, when we have pointed fingers at others rather than pointing to you.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

We continue our prayer together saying...

**You are our rock, O God,
and we pray you would help us in the storm
to move from shifting sand to firm foundation,
even if it means letting go of the old life and building anew.
May we hear and be transformed by your Word.
In the name of the One in whom all authority dwells,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

In Christ God forgives us all our failings.

That is a firm foundation on which to build.

Now we start again, always accompanied by God's grace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn No. 850 *vs. 1*

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

**In a deep, unbounded darkness,
long before the first light shone,
you, O God, beyond all merit
worked a wonder faith makes known:
in your mercy, in your mercy,
you embraced us as your own,
ever more and ever more.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Loving God, we come asking and searching and knocking,
longing to see your kingdom of heaven come on earth.**

**Open to us today the goodness of your word;
feed and strengthen us for the journey ahead.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine

*Gabriel Faure; English text by Harold Heiberg
New York: Broude Brothers Limited, 1952*

*O redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal light of the earth and the sky,
We kneel in adoration.
O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye!*

*Send down on us the fire of thy grace all-consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with thy radiance,
That they may waken thy mercy to tell!*

*O Christ bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to thine eternal glory
And these thy gifts we return unto thee.*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Generous and loving God,
through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our time, our talents, and our treasure.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
to serve your purposes in the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God - Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. Out of love for us, you made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained faithful to us. Your patience with us continued to be a gift. Therefore with all creation we sing your praise.

HYMN No. 517 *v l*

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.

Here would we touch and handle things unseen,

here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,

and all our weariness upon you lean.

Thank you God for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick. He welcomed all. He shared our pain. He died our death. He rose to new life and now we celebrate everlasting life together at this table as we work and wait for all creation to be restored.

HYMN No. 517 v 3

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and that we may be Christ's body for the world. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

HYMN No. 517 v 5

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

**Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance,
You renew us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of grace.
Thank you for meeting us here,
uniting us with you and with one another. Amen.

HYMN No. 517 v 4

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

**Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia and Amen.

POSTLUDE

Built on the Rock

Paul Manz

Free Harmonizations of Hymn Tunes, Volume II

Hinshaw Music, 1986.



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CHURCH NURSERY

The church nursery is open during the worship service
for infants and children through kindergarten.

Thanks to Rev. Teri Peterson whose Prayer of Confession was adapted for our worship this morning <https://www.biblewormpodcast.com/e/episode-427-do-not-judge-matthew-71-14-24-29/>. Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license no. A-705298. All rights reserved. Cover art: *A House Built on Rock* by Peter Koenig, <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib-fulldisplay.pl?SID=20230130535109409&code=act&RC=58504&Row=1>