



5th Sunday after Epiphany
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GATHERING TOGETHER

Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)

*David Christiansen
Pull Out the Stops, Vol. 2
Augsburg Fortress, 2005*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

This is the Day

*Daniel Moe
Carl Fischer, Inc, 1979*

*This is the day, and this the hour of meeting,
When we can share reality and all our hopes,
believing that as we come together
We are remade, Rekindled now, a living flame,
To light tomorrow's ways, new light.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

Pre-K - 6th Graders

*HYMN No. 409

God is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Drew Patty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of restoration and wholeness,
you who brings life even where all seems lost,
We confess we have mixed feelings about those whose illnesses linger,
and it's easy to judge their faith, their fortitude, and their finances.
We confess we want immediate healing for ourselves and our loved
ones, but we complain if others have needs we don't understand.
Forgive us for perpetuating the isolation of illness,
and the stigma that prevents people seeking help.
Forgive us for judging people
so we can pretend things could never happen to us.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, and restore us to wholeness God —
the kind that seeks the good of all your people together. We ask this in
the name of Christ, whose healing power is for all. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,
a gift of God by faith.
Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.**

Hymn 137 vs. 3

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we
may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover
your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 131
Mark 5:21-43

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 178

The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

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

*A Request
Arlen Clarke
St. James Press, 2015*

*Lord grant Thou me a quiet mind,
in depths of Thee and thought inclined.
O gaze upon this wounded heart,
and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart
Prick this soul with Love's embrace.
And heal these wounds with saving grace.*

*Lord grant Thou me a quiet mind,
in depths of Thee and thought inclined.
O gaze upon this wounded heart,
and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart
Within my soul and heart reside
and drown me in Thy healing tide. Amen.*

*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

Eternal God, you never fail to give us each day all that we ever need, and even more. Give us such joy in living and such peace in serving Christ, that we may gratefully make use of all your blessings, and joyfully seek our risen Lord in everyone we meet. 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 1

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

God is...

Everywhere.

POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages

Stephen Folkemer

Pull Out the Stops, Vol. 2

Augsburg Fortress, 2005

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