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Service for the Lord's Day

February 5, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" John B. Dykes

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

CHORAL INTROIT "Come Everyone Who is Thirsty" arr. Herrington

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let your light shine!
People: We are the salt of the earth.
Leader: Let your light shine!
People: We are the light of the world.
Leader: Let your light shine!
People: Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!
Leader: Let your light shine!

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" #145

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the good news: When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am!" When we ask for mercy, God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

+GLORIA PATRI ***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.***

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 112

Leader: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in the LORD's commandments!

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches will be in their house and their righteousness will last forever.

People: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

Leader: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

People: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

Leader: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

People: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

Leader: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; They will hold up their head with honor.

All: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Sealing of the Word

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is truly right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

Twila Paris

COMMUNION PRAYER

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN

"Today We All Are Called to Be"

#434

BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

"A Blessing"

Carol Latimer

Wherever you may go, may you feel God's arms around you.

Wherever you may be may God's peace surround you.

May the songs we've shared resound within your heart,

And wherever you may go, may love follow.

POSTLUDE

"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

William P Rowan

+Please stand, if you are able

*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*