

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
AND
RALEIGH MENNONITE CHURCH**

February 8, 2025 at 10:15 AM

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



It is with great joy that two communities of faith join together as one today in love to celebrate, to worship and to enjoy fellowship!

Clergy

The Rev. Susan Scott
Interim Pastor, Raleigh Mennonite Church

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser
Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd

The Rev. Justin Gabbard
Associate Rector, The Church of the Good Shepherd

Are You Visiting Today?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: The Poet Speaks from Kinderszenen

Robert Schumann

Felix Szymanowski, piano

Introit: Dona Nobis Pacem

Traditional

Good Shepherd Choir (grades K-2)

Sung in Latin; English translation:

Grant us peace.

Processional Hymn: Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Nettleton

Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
Richer still in unity:

Chorus:

Let us bring the gifts that differ
And, in splendid, varied ways,
Sing a new church into being,
One of faith and love and praise

Radiant risen from the water;
Robed in holiness and light,
Male and female in God's image
Male and female God's delight:

Chorus

Trust the goodness of creation;
Trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised
Sprung from seed of what has been.

Chorus

Bring the hopes of every nation;
Bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice:
Let it sound through time and space.

Chorus

Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider
And a people ever free.

Chorus

Gathering Sentences

Leader	If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,	Lider	Si se siente muy a gusto aquí, o si està cansado o preocupado,
People	you are welcome.	Grupo	¡Bienvenido!
Leader	If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail,	Lider	Si su fé es fuerte, o si su fé està maltratada o fràgil,
People	you are welcome.	Grupo	¡Bienvenido!
Leader	If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet.	Lider	Si està ansioso por adorar a Dios, o si necesita estar en silencio,
People	you are welcome.	Grupo	¡Bienvenido!
All	God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.	Todos	Dios nos da la bienvenida a todos para adorarle y nos promete estar con nosotros aquí hoy.

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise: Hymnal 410, Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda Anima

Stanzas 1 and 2

The Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Children's Chapel and Godly Play

Children ages 5 yo to 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Chapel and Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness and did not forsake the
ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast
day, and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear
guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I
am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Anthem: Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner

Sung in Latin; English translation:

*This is God's house, a temple God the Lord has made.
O holy covenant beyond all telling, worthy of his glorious Name.*

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Imogen Rhodenhiser

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor We pray for all Christians everywhere, especially for Raleigh Mennonite Church, The Church of the Good Shepherd, and all Christian communities whom the Spirit gathers in unconditioned welcome and reconciliation. We lift up our clergy, our ministry leaders, our youth, our children, and those yet to come into our midst.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

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The Peace

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Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.
Even the Spirit of Truth, and ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

John 14: 15-18

Presentation Hymn: Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures her below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to the Communion Table

Leader The table has been prepared,
as Jesus requested,
and we are invited to the meal.

People Come to the table—

Leader like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve,
like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of God's reign.

People Come to the table—

Leader like Martha, hosting and leading with confidence,
like Mary, full of love and grief.

People Come to the table—

Leader like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious,
like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.

People Come to the table—

Leader Jesus offers the bread and the cup.

People Come to the table of Christ.

Leader May God be with you!

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts!

People We lift them up to God.

Leader Let us give thanks to God.

People It is good to give thanks and praise.

Leader It is a good and joyful thing
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy One.
With your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Hymnal S 125, Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Leader O God, Ancient of Days,
your love brought galaxies into being,
summoned water and sky, earth and all creatures,
and made us in your image.
Through the ages you have cared for all you created.
When we wandered, you called us to return to you.
In the fullness of time, you sent us the Messiah, Jesus Christ,
to teach the law of love.
He lived what he taught
and loved his enemies to the end.
In wonder, we remember the life Jesus lived,
laid down, and took up again for us.
Send you Spirit upon us
so that the bread we break and the cup we share
may be the communion of the body of Christ.
Send your Spirit upon us
so that we can live, conformed to Christ,
who taught us to pray...

All **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Leader Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,
took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said,
“When you share bread together,
remember me.”

All **Blessed are you, abundant God,
for you made bread to strengthen us:
you gave us this bread as a sign of your body.
Let our sharing be a taste
of the bread of heaven that feeds the word. Amen.**

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Leader Jesus took the cup after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant.
When you drink it together,
remember me.”

All **Blessed are you, bountiful God,
for you made the fruit of the vine to nourish us;
you gave us this cup as a sign of your blood.
Let our sharing be a taste of the wine we shall drink
in your joyful feast. Amen.**

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.

Where can I go to receive only the bread? Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.

Where can I go to receive a blessing? Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.

Communion Hymn: Come to the Table of Grace

Table of Grace



1	Come to the ta-ble of	grace.	Come to the ta-ble of	grace.
2	Come to the ta-ble of	peace.	Come to the ta-ble of	peace.
3	Come to the ta-ble of	love.	Come to the ta-ble of	love.
4	Come to the ta-ble of	hope.	Come to the ta-ble of	hope.
5	Come to the ta-ble of	joy.	Come to the ta-ble of	joy.



This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine.	Come to the ta-ble of	grace.
This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine.	Come to the ta-ble of	peace.
This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine.	Come to the ta-ble of	love.
This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine.	Come to the ta-ble of	hope.
This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine.	Come to the ta-ble of	joy.

Glory to God 507

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Communion Hymn: Hymnal 325, Let us break bread together on our knees Let Us Break Bread

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Leader In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

All In deep gratitude
 for this moment,
 this meal,
 these people,
 we give ourselves to you.

Send us
to live as changed people because
we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, God, may we glorify you
as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of heaven. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 690, Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

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Voluntary: Festive Intrada

Paul Fey

Tanner Winchester, organ

Many thanks to singers from The Church of the Good Shepherd's Chancel Choir and Good Shepherd Choir and Raleigh Mennonite Church for leading us in music today!

**Please join us immediately following this service in Shepherd's Hall
for our annual Chili Cook Off and fellowship. All are welcome!**

Serving Today

Ushers	Brother Paul Henry, OSF, and Jason Hingerton
Verger	Caryl Fuller
Acolytes	Callin Fee, George Hill, Ryan Fee, William Scanlon, and Ella Bray Sharp
Chalicer and Intercessor	Jennifer Tlusty
Altar Guild	Julie Lowe, Bit Hardy, Wendy Lapish, Kris & Sue Lavalla, Jennifer Seiger, and Marguerite Sullivan
Flower Guild	Brother Paul Henry, OSF, and Anne Doster
Livestream and Sound	Richard Netherby and Sam DeShong

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory by Charlotte and Richard Netherby in loving memory of John Netherby, Isabel & Frank Netherby, and Alice & George DuBrink and by Katie Curran and Erin O'Hara in loving memory of Conrad and Doris Taylor and Wells and Patsy O'Hara.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Gary Blaettler; Sheldon Smith; Nicholas Smith; Peter Smith; Tripp Nelson; Suzy McPherson; Bob Bogert; Libby; Debbie Gibbs; John Anthony Allen and Family; Bob Kochersberger and Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Mogilski, Bormann, and Dangerfield Families; The Babbs Family; The Fyfe and Simon Families; the people of Iran; the people of Israel and Palestine; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Michael Riddle, Al Bass, Smith Lingerfelt, Paul Hoch, The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, and Nolan Simon.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Michael And All Angels', Charlotte, and St. Peter's, Charlotte.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Hong Kong Anglican/Episcopal Church).

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