



**Traditional Service
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

February 5, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Legende" Op. 59 No.2

F. Peeters

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

People: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

People: where the vulnerable are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as neighbor and friend.

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, siblings in that family called love:

People: where the least of these belong, where all together, we worship God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

#339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

2 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

*Please stand if you are able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

Judy Smullen

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Welcoming Jesus"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN

#434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

1 Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Brief Statement of Faith [excerpts])*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Psalm 135

Darryl Hollinger

Chancel Choir

Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!
Praise the name of the Lord!
Give praise you servants of the Lord.
You who stand in the house of our God.
Praise the Lord praise the name of the Lord.
In the courts of the house of our God.
Praise the Lord praise the name of the Lord.

Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord!
Praise the name of the Lord!

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#592

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music "Communio" from *10 Pieces for Organ*

Theodore Dubois

*SENDING HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

From *Glory to God* (See Insert)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" from *5 Works for Organ*

Healey Willan

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on - ly light, and
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter - nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4