

FEBRUARY 7th, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Bless the Eternal God, O my soul.

People: Praise the Lord who forgives our sins, heals our diseases, saves our lives from despair, and crowns us with grace.

Pastor: Praise the Living God, from whom all blessings flow.

People: Praise our omnipresent God who never tires or grows weary, and who makes us soar on wings like eagles so we will not stumble and fall.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

#18 *Praise to the Living God*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Almighty God, you are here with us; now we pray that you will make yourself known to us. Open our hearts and minds to perceive your presence that is as near as our breath, yet hidden from our eyes. Help us to sense your glory in the world around us. As we celebrate and worship, may our sorrows be lifted, our joys resurrected, and our hopes energized. Fill us with the love of Christ so that we may become as passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving as he was. And through your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in love for you, for one another, and for the earth we inhabit and are stewards over. We ask these things in your name, Lord Jesus, and thank you for teaching us this prayer:

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:29-39 and Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON MESSAGE: *Here Be God*

Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests
 Silent Prayer
 Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Gracious God, whose presence touches every aspect of our lives, bless the treasure we offer to you, and use it to touch the lives of many people for the better. Bless as well the treasure we choose to keep for ourselves, and guide us so that our choices about how we use it may be faithful, loving and wise. Enable what we give to encourage those who see ugliness to savor beauty; those who are deceived into believing destructive lies to discern your truth; those who sow division to advance community, and those whose hearts have grown cold and unsympathetic toward others in need to feel compassion and act with love. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Opening words

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Thank you, gracious God, for inviting us to the Lord's Supper, to eat the bread of heaven and drink the cup of blessing. We pray that you will transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may look at the needs of others with Jesus' eyes, hear their cries of despair with Jesus' ears, speak words of hope and comfort to them with Jesus' mouth, and be the Body of Christ in the world by proclaiming the good news of your kingdom and ministering to others in Jesus' name. Amen.

#345 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: Listen to the good news. God is here with us, in this place and every place, on this day and every day.

People: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.

Pastor: God's goodness sometimes seems to come in a trickle, sometimes in pulsing spurts, and sometimes as a mighty flood.

People: But always God is with us, never tiring or growing weary, and making us soar on wings like eagles when we stumble and fall.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL