

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Ballade" Debussy

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE COLORS Boy Scout Troop 763

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 96:1; Isa. 6:8; Matt. 5:14, 16

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
The Lord called out: Whom shall I send?
I answered: Here I am; send me.
Jesus said: You are the light of the world.
Let our light shine, giving glory to God.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #634** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION Heb. 4:14-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:17

... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #574 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" CANONBURY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION "God So Loved the World" Stainer

*All are welcome at the table.
You will be invited to come forward.
A gluten-free option is available.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, giver of wine and bread,
send us from your table in confidence
that we are your own children,
born of your Spirit, fed at your table,
filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth
and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Matt. 22:21

OFFERTORY "French Suite No. 3, Sarabande" Bach

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
(England, 1647; language updated)

Q. What is the Second Commandment?

A. The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Q. What is required in the Second Commandment?

A. The Second Commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

Q. What is forbidden in the Second Commandment?

A. The Second Commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12

PSALM Psalm 112:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

RESPONSE

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Salt and Light" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #539** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

+**BLESSING** Phil. 4:23

... be with your spirit.
Amen.

+**CHARGE** Mic. 6:8

... and to walk humbly with your God.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS Boy Scout Troop 763

POSTLUDE "Intermezzo in e" Ponce

*Join us for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Lucinda Davenport

Greeters: Boy Scout Troop 763

Sound: Tim Hammond

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by Jane Somerville
in memory of Lange Somerville and Louise Allen
and by Karen O'Malley
in memory of Elizabeth and Charles Neighbor

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#21. Bartholomew:

After the apostles were scattered, legends say that the apostle Bartholomew took the Gospel to India, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and possibly Ethiopia.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 53. What is the third article of the Apostles' Creed?

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

Question 54. What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge and service of Christ are all inseparably related.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:30 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Thursday	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	Finance Committee	8:00 am
Friday	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
Saturday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
	♥ Sweetheart Luncheon ♥	12:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jill Castle Feb. 10
Linda Guy Feb. 11

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Sermon on the Mount (relief)
by Theodor Schnell the Younger, 1899
Liebfrauenkirche, Ravensburg, Germany

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*