A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 2023  
8:30 and 11:00 am

*All who are able may stand.  
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING . . .

The Prelude  
Vision

Josef Rheinberger

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

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The Call To Worship  
from Psalm 112 and Matthew 5:14

Praise the Lord!  
Happy are those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Jesus proclaims, “you are the light of the world.”

Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of Praise

Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Hymn 314Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. 
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. REFRAIN

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. REFRAIN

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. REFRAIN

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. REFRAIN

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have asked for the judgement of others, but we have not wanted to be judged ourselves. We have come to worship you, but we dishonor you with our actions. We have asked you to end the suffering in the world, but we have not been compassionate or generous towards others. We point out what we do right, but do not admit what we do wrong. Forgive our self-righteousness and sanctify our hearts, that we may shine and be the light of the world, through the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

In mercy God forgives our sin and grants us genuine repentance.

Through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.
*Doxology

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Hebrew Bible Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

The Anthem

Praise the Lord

Handel/Hopson

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth, Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.

Shout, sing, come dance and celebrate; Rejoice, let all within us praise His name.

Praise the Lord, O praise Him. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure; by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure. Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days; may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share: light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer. Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall; images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim; may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name. Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might; awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 112

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Commanded to Happiness

Brittany Harvey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD.

*The Affirmation of Faith

Comes from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

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 Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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.

GOING FORTH AND SERVING IN GOD’S NAME . . .

*The Hymn 700

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

“Prince Rupert” March
Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

George Blake

Today’s Worship Leaders:
Preacher: Brittany Harvey
Liturgists: Stacy Whalen, Jen Rowe
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk
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