

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*True strength lies in submission, which permits one to dedicate his or her life, through devotion, to something beyond him or herself. ~Henry Miller*

PRELUDE                      *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*                      Spiritual

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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INTROIT                      *Come All You People*                      GG: 388

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scout: Dear God, we know we are your children,

**All: We want to serve you faithfully,**

Scout: We want to keep our Scout Promise.

**All: Help us to listen to your voice;**

Scout: Help us to live the Scout Law every day;

**All: Help us to care for others and your world;**

Scout: Help us to be willing and quick to do your work;

**All: And help us to thank you every day for all your gifts**

\*HYMN                      *All Creatures of Our God and King*                      GG: 15

WELCOMING AND HONORING OUR SCOUTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of gracious love, we are people who want to be loving and kind, trustworthy and helpful. But all too often, we are people who fail to act in these ways. Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care, and when we hurt our family, friends, and neighbors. Help us to be brave, cheerful, and considerate. Make us strong and wise in our loving. Teach us how to love even our enemies. Come to us, and bring us healing in all of our relationships: with you, with our loved ones, with our neighbors, and with ourselves. Through Jesus Christ we pray.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through love and grace our shortcomings are forgiven.

**People: Today, we are given a clean slate. Starting again, we will endeavor to stay the course and walk the path of Jesus.**

\*RESPONSE                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, v. 1                      GG: 611

**All: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**

**Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM                      *The Great Storm is Over*                      John McCutcheon  
Rob Trawick/Kenn Hamilton

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN                      *This Is My Song*                      GG: 340

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 24:17-21, pg. 111

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:21-26, 38-48, pg. 4

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“You Have Heard It Said”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*The Maker*

Daniel Lanois

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

tune GG: 606

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 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 OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

*We Are One In the Spirit*

GG: 300

\*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen*

GG: 600

POSTLUDE

*O When Shall I See Jesus*

Traditional American

\*\*\*Latecomers Seated. \*All who are able please stand.

Many thanks to Kenn Hamilton and Rob Trawick for sharing their musical talents with us.