

Celebration of Worship

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 4, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“You do not have to sit outside in the dark. If, however, you want to look at the stars, you will find that darkness is necessary. But the stars neither require it nor demand it.”

Annie Dillard from “Teaching a Stone to Talk”

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* Choplin

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: How great is our God! God’s power is absolute; His understanding is beyond our comprehension.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: The Lord delights in those who honor him, who put all their hope in his unfailing love.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

All: Praise the Lord!

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *All Praise to God for Song God Gives* # 328

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 2nd Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play.)

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Peasant’s Song* Grieg

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *I Corinthians 9:19-23* p. 931

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalms 147:1-11* p. 507

MEDITATION *A God Who Wants to Help, But Is Also Able to Help*

Pastor Larry De Vuyst

TIME OF CONFESSION

PARDONING AND GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

We believe in a bold God, Creator of Splendor, spinning stars into night skies, warming the planet with the life-giving sunshine, filling the earth with creatures great and small.

We believe in a big God, Creator of 150 billion galaxies, who is big enough to receive praise and loving enough to answer our prayers.

We believe in the risen Christ, who meets us in the brokenness of life, accompanies us on all our wanderings, and forever seeks to welcome us home with open arms.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, guide and companion, who fills the church with windy hope and fiery compassion.

We believe in the Church, where we can taste some of the heavenly banquet and live as a renewed people for the world.

ANTHEM *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Courtney
Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

The Words of Institution

The Communion

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* Back cover

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *The Majestic Trumpet* Hebble

* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS