

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

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

“If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.”

Isaiah 58:9-10

Preparation

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Pass It On* arr. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and aching, who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

All: Gather us in.

One: Gather us in, the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.

All: Gather us in.

One: Gather us in, the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.

All: Gather us in.

One: Gather us in, the bright and the bustling, the stirrers and shakers, the kind laughter makers, who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

All: Gather us in.

One: Gather us in, from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes – to meet, to eat, to be given a seat, to be joined to the vine, to be offered new wine, to become like the least, and welcomed at the feast.

All: Gather us in.

* *Please stand, if you are able*

* HYMN OF PRAISE *We Gather Together* # 559

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Light in the Dark*

Commissioning of Jasmine McCallum

Prayer

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

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:13-20* p. 786

ECHOING SCRIPTURE *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 58:1-12* p. 600

SERMON *Light in the darkness – How do we do that?*
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

Isn’t this the fast I choose:

*releasing the bonds of injustice, untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?*

⁷ *Isn’t it sharing your bread with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?*

⁸ ***Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.
Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the LORD’s glory will be your rear guard...***

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 58:6-8

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

The Holy Supper

* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* # 504

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD'S LOVE, GRACE, AND FORGIVENESS DECLARED

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

THE BREAD

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this and remember me.

We do this and remember.

THE CUP

This is the cup of the new Covenant, sealed in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, remember me.

We do this and remember.

Praise to you, Christ Jesus!

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life,

Lord Jesus, Come in glory!

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

The Meal is Shared

Prayer of God's People in Thanksgiving

Dedication

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Mixolydian Menuet

Thiman

DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* HYMN OF DEDICATION *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* # 425

Verses 1 and 4

* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* POSTLUDE