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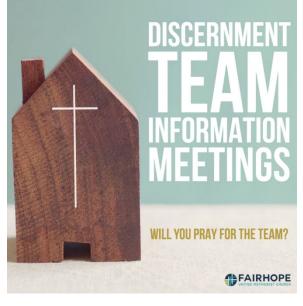
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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE For the Beauty of Each Hour (Alfred V. Fedak)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world." **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.

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Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

★PASSING OF THE PEACE

★HYMN OF PRAISE #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

★THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Larson)

₩DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

PSALTER #833 Psalm 112

HYMN OF PREPARATION #581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON "Salt and Light" Rev. Tom East

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH#13

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #585 This Little Light of Mine

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Recessional on "To God Be the Glory" (Douglas E. Wagner)

▼ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Tom East, Liturgist, Steve Pearson Acolyte: Nicholas Goleash (11:00)

Communion Servers: (8:30) Phyllis and Craig Helms, Norma and Bud Walden (11:00) Shirley Ryals, Rebekah Chambless, Robyn and Scott Koser Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

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The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany The Gathering: February 5, 2023 ~ 11:00AM

OPENING SONG

All Because of Jesus

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME ~ CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 112

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

They are gracious, merciful and righteous.

For the righteous will never be moved;

They will be remembered forever.

Let us worship the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal, You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

***Baskets are available to present your offering as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH CLOSING SONG

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