

# Worship Service ~ February 5, 2023, 9:00

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Gloria Anderson in honor of her Mom, Elaine Pates on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday February 7<sup>th</sup>!

PRELUDE          Chris Nickelson, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN    ELW #532 *GATHER US IN*    stz 1, 4

Here in this place new light is streaming

Now is the darkness vanished away

See in this space our fears and our dreamings

Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken

Gather us in, the blind and the lame

Call to us now and we shall awaken

We shall arise at the sound of our name

Not in the dark of buildings confining

Not in some heaven light years away

But here in this place the new light is shining

Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever

Gather us in and make us your own

Gather us in, all peoples together

Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*~Silence for reflection~*

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE    ELW page 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Lord God,

**C: with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *"I'll Do My Best"* -Go Fish

Kids of the Kingdom Choir, Colleen Marshall director

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*ELW #174 CELTIC ALLEULIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You all are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You all are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, all of you let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE      Deacon Nina Joygaard

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #553 *CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKY*  
stz 1, 2

Christ, whose glory fills the skies Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return, Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till Thou inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.



MUSICAL OFFERING      *"Siyahamba"* arr. Thomas  
Vozzella; Faith Choir, Jolene Sunsten, soloist

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boxes by the exit doors. Thank you for giving to  
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray, liberating God,

**C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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