

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 5, 2023**

**Gathering  
*God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

**‡ Call to Worship** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Leshner*

Great and marvelous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty.  
**Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations.**  
Who will not fear you, Lord,  
and bring glory to your name?  
**For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship before you.**

**‡ Invocation** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Leshner*

Praise be to you, LORD,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
**Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
**Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.**  
Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.  
**In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.**  
Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

God's Word assures us:  
If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins,  
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession**      *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Lesher*

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you  
and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.  
For the times we have hurt the members of our families  
by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.  
**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**  
For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our  
time and concern.  
**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**  
For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right  
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.  
**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**  
For the times we refused to forgive others.  
**Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dennis Lesher*

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.  
When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit  
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**‡ Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

**Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

**Offering**

**Offertory** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
*Dan Baker*

**‡ Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

**‡ Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God,  
we bless you for all your many gifts to us. We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service.  
We pray today for your blessing *of this offering*,  
Grant us the wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of these gifts.  
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**‡ Hymn 285** *In Christ, There is No East or West*

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Children's Sermon**

*Family Ties*

*Susan Obenschain*

**Scripture Reading**

John 8:12

<sup>12</sup>... Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1:4

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of *people*.

Matthew 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

James 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers *and sisters*. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, ....

**Sermon**

*"Buried Treasure*  
*Rev. James Caldwell*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***



By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God,  
In the light of Creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

#### Refrain

We will stand as children of the promise,  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

#### Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day,  
When the longed for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,  
And raise triumphant from the grave.

#### Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go,  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
In every corner of the earth.

#### Refrain

#### Verse 5

By faith this mountain shall be moved,  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible,  
For all who call upon His name.

#### Refrain

### Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

### Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come  
again!**

**‡ Profession of Faith**      *(Apostle's Creed)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into Hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand  
Of God, the Father almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Commissioning**

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

**‡ Hymn 268**      *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

**‡ Benediction      & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Carolyn Thompson, Don Titus*

**‡ Postlude**

**Congregational Meeting**