

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, February 7, 2021
5th Sunday of Epiphany

“Gathering in God’s presence...

Prelude

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

*Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.
Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.*

Words of Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

O God, you have created us as your people and called us to partner with you in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth so that all you people can be in relationship with you and with each other. May the Holy Spirit fill us with passion and enthusiasm for the gospel so that we can serve and love with all that we are and with all that we have. We pray in the name of Jesus, our example and Savior, Amen.

Opening Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

Beecher

***Called as partners in Christ’s service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God’s chosen end.***

***Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer poorer, All God’s people, young and old.
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.***

***Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, In a small or global sense.
Help us bear each other’s burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.***

***So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.***

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have created us in your image and called us to partner with you to spread the good news to all your people. Too often we have defined “all your people” to be those who are like us in the way we look, speak, or live. We have shied away from going across boundaries to those who are different and we have withheld your love. We have judged those who are different according to our standards, not knowing their circumstances. Forgive us, O God. Fill our hearts with your love and compassion for others. Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones and reach out with the love of Jesus Christ so that we can partner with you in enlarging your kin-dom here on earth. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Response

We Are Forgiven

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Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

What Did You Come to Do?

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

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Leading Worship Today:
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Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor - Ashley Sanders

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