



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Mouvements Perpétuels 2. Très modéré

Francis Poulenc

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 43, selected verses

Ann Barnhill, liturgist

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing, says our God.

Now it springs forth – do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

For I will give drink to my chosen people,

The people I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise!

HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God has been so gracious to us. Let us confess to God and each other the ways in which we have failed to live out our gratitude and extend grace to our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the future, we have made a habit of looking backward to what has been instead of forward to what may yet be. We are so focused on the past and our attempts to retrieve that past that we miss your Spirit moving among us in the present. We deny the truth that with you all things are possible as we attempt to control or manipulate our days. We have not respected your freedom to act in our lives nor have we listened for your word. We become imprisoned in the worlds of our creation; in our routines, our rules, our regulations. Caught up in our own concerns and agendas, we neglect to respond to the needs of our neighbors. Free us so that we may hear the good news of the gospel and re-order our priorities. We offer up our individual confessions in the silence of this moment.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God heals us, body and spirit. Our God not only binds up our wounds, but uses our woundedness and healing to lift others up. God delights in those who place their trust in God's grace and power.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2: 1-12

SERMON

"Beyond Paralysis"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SOLO

O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR 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

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We Are Sent in God's Name

HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

CHARGE & BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

POSTLUDE

Nocturne in F minor Op 55, No 1

Frederic Chopin

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Ann Barnhill, Liturgist John Holter, piano
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