

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 4, 2024**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*Great God of the universe, you set the stars on course in the heavens; the earth radiates you glory and honor; the rain never falls without your knowing it. The fields produce their harvest according to your design. We admire the strength by which you rule the nations. We bow down in adoration at how you care for your children. We gather gladly to herald your encompassing acts of goodwill. Hear us as we respond by giving you praise. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

“On Eagle's Wings”

arr. Janet Linker

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Minute for Mission**

Souper Bowl of Caring

Paul Oswalt

#### **Introit**

“Psalm 62”

Jacques Berthier, 1981

(refrain) My soul is at rest in God alone;  
My salvation comes from God.

For God alone my soul in silence waits;

From God comes my salvation.

God alone is my rock, and my salvation,

My stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken. (refrain)

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**People: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

**People: they shall walk and not faint.**

**\*Hymn** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” #331

## **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn** “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1) #610

## **Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children’s Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

**Choir Anthem**

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

arr. Don Smith

(refrain) There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometime I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (refrain)

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus who died to save us all. (refrain)

**Second Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“A Reminder”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

## The Response to the Word

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **\*Invitation to Offering**

### **\*Response**

“Doxology”

#606

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pews to the center aisle and return to the pews from the outside aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to serve communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread can be found on the communion table.)

### **\*Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: May God be with you.

**People: May God be also with you.**

Pastor: People of God, open your hearts.

**People: We open our hearts to God and to each other.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Living God.

**People: With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.**

Pastor: In the morning ... we lift our praises to you now and forever:

**People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge.**

**All creation sings glad praises to you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who came for our sake.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy are you ... we find that mystery we call faith:

**People: Christ died, not boasting in himself;**

**Christ is risen, the gospel living in him;**

**Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.**

Pastor: Here is that Bread ... God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

## **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

## **Communion of the People**

## Prayer after Communion

**Generous Lord, in word and feast we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.**

### The Sending of God's People

**\*Closing Hymn**      “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”      #43

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Congregational Response** “We Are the Church”



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**\*Postlude**      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”      arr. Diane Bish

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