

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 a.m. February 4, 2018

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 507 ***I Come with Joy*** DOVE OF PEACE

*Expressing Our Joy The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Praise God from the ends of the earth!

Leader: For God reassures us: "I am the Lord your God, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes."

People: Let us sing to the Lord a new song and declare God's praise!

Leader: May the Lord be with you. (Is. 42, 43 adapted)

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Christ Jesus, we share the strengths and frailties of your first disciples. We share their devotion to you. We share their weaknesses: we do not fully trust in your power to heal and to save. Nor do we believe that we share in these gifts. We find your words cloaked in riddle and parable, your actions hard to understand. Yet, Lord, you love us and continually call us to your side. Cleanse our hearts of selfishness and fear; give us the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn 513 ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** LET US BREAK BREAD

Isaiah 55: 8-9 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 644-645 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Lord, I Come to Your Table*** Mark Weston

Luke 2: 41-51 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 55-56 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***Mysterious Ways*** Reece H. Smith

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and ***Gloria Patri***

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that members may know visitors and greet them following the worship service.)

*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, ***Sanctus***, ***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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*. Please hold the bread and the cup until all are served. The wafers in the baskets are gluten-free.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 510 ***Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*** QUEBEC

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction ***Amen***

*Go Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.