

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Feb 5, 2023

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 763

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love,

forgive us,

that we may be reconciled to one another

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Every Praise”

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise every praise is to our God.
(repeat 3 times)

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is, yes He is

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is, yes He is

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is, yes He is,

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their
word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater
of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For
since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to
save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire
wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s
foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger
than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were
wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of
noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the
wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God

chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Scheible

(please stand, as you are able)



*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



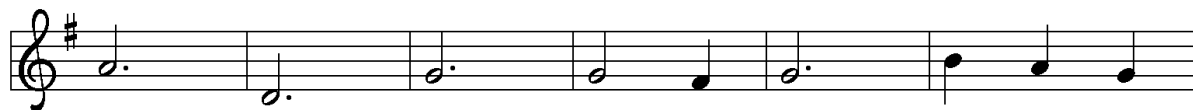
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD +

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Merciful God.)

C: receive our prayer.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
 Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 With God as our Father, siblings all are we
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox, mailed in, or made on our website Holyspiritsecane.org, under Mission tab.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Come by Here



1 Come by here, Lord, come by here; come by here, Lord, come by here;
 2 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;
 3 Send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here; send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here.
 some-one needs you, Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
 send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and*

for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

*In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.
(Please be seated)*

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen

thankful
&
blessed

*SENDING HYMN

WOV 726

Oh, Sing to God Above
Cantemos al Señor



1 *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor* *un him - no de a - le - grí - a,*
 2 *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor* *un him - no de a - la - ban - za*
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor *al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.*
que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, *nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.*
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing:



El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar, *el sol y las es - tre - llas*
En to - da la crea - ción *pre - go - na su gran - de - za,*
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



y vio en e - llos bon - dad, *pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.*
a - sí nues - tro can - tar *va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.*
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Refrain / Estribillo

¡A - le - lu - ya! *¡A - le - lu - ya!* *Can - te - mos al Se -*
Al - le - lu - ia! *Al - le - lu - ia!* *Oh, sing to God a -*



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! *¡A - le - lu - ya!* *¡A - le - lu -*
bove: Al - le - lu - ia! *Al - le - lu - ia!* *Al - le - lu -*



ya! *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!*
ia! *Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!*

Last time

Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fly, Eagles Fly!

On the road to victory! (Fight! Fight! Fight!)

Fight, Eagles fight!

Score a touchdown 1, 2, 3! (1! 2! 3!)

Hit 'em low!

Hit 'em high!

And watch our Eagles fly!

Fly, Eagles Fly!

On the road to victory!

E-A-G-L-E-S!

Eagles!

Jan's Income: \$14,800 Average Attendance: 33

Jan's Expense: \$17,977

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of my husband Joe on his birthday by Debbie Gruhler.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 2/5 Scheduled to serve next week 2/12

Kathy D. – Assisting Minister

Greg C. – Assisting Minister

Maddie G. – Psalm Reader

Tony H. – Psalm Reader

Gary/Raymond – Ushers

Alan S./Alan D. - Ushers

Devine/Pysher – Counters

Christensen/Joshi - Counters

Barbara S. - Altar

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*****WEEKLY CALENDAR*****

Mon, Feb 6	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Wed, Feb 8	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
	7:30pm – AA (Hall)
Thu, Feb 9	7:00pm - AA
Fri, Feb 10	7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Feb 11	10:00am – AA (Hall)
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Feb 12	10:15am – Worship (Hall)
	Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
2/12	Pastor Rachel
2/26	Debbie Gruhler

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

<i>Joe Monte</i>	<i>Mariann Trice</i>
<i>Linda Taddie</i>	<i>Jackie Dewitt</i>
<i>Lisa McDonough</i>	<i>Larry Poff</i>
<i>Hugh Mullarkey</i>	<i>Ann Ferguson</i>
<i>Jean Brown</i>	<i>Gary Kline</i>
<i>Betty Lake</i>	<i>Ed Shoup</i>
<i>Anne Rainsford</i>	<i>Ruth Dukes</i>
<i>Gary Wilkinson</i>	<i>Victor Klein</i>
<i>Christine Abate</i>	<i>Lou Vallies</i>
<i>Joanne Warshaw</i>	<i>Carol Devine</i>
<i>Scott Smith</i>	<i>Geralyn Gerakaris</i>
<i>Sister MaryJulia McKenzie</i>	

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Feb, please call the office or add to the prayer list outside sanctuary).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ANNUAL MEETING – Today, **Sunday, February 5th** in social hall. Plan to stay to hear 2022 reports, plans for 2023 and vote on a budget.

DIRECTORY – If you have a change to your address or phone number, please notify the office so the directory for 2023 can be updated.

BLOOD DRIVE –We are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday February 13th from 2:00- 7:00 PM** in our social hall. It is easy to sign up online at *RedCrossBlood.org* and enter Holy Spirit Lutheran or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. We have had very successful blood drives at our church and I hope we can continue that trend with this one. Thank you! Barbara Saporetti

Contact www.redcrossblood.org to make appointment. Give Blood. Help save lives.

COUNCIL MEETING – **Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00pm.**

COFFEE HOUR – **February 19th** sponsored by Fellowship Committee.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - **February 19th** following worship. Join the conversation to learn more about the Holy Spirit faith community and the gift of being part of an active faith community. Invite someone!

ASH WEDNESDAY – **February 22, 7:00 Service with soup at 6:00.** Sign-up sheet will be available for soup, bread, and drinks.

BULLETIN COVERS – Sponsoring this year will be done a little different. There will be a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - **THANK YOU** everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. **New 2023 flower chart is up outside the office.** Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office.



Lent Redirection opportunity:

“Soul-care” **Tuesdays 6:30pm, beginning 2/28** in the Social Hall.

Let's exercise a new form of reflection this Lent and explore fitness of the mind, body and soul! Each session will give focus to specific Bible verses on God's intent for our health and well-being. After all, our bodies are the temple where the Holy Spirit dwells! Each week's session will include reflection and discussion on a Bible verse, followed by interval training, and a cool down with prayer. This exercise is designed for beginner, intermediate and advanced from ages 0-99!

Midweek Lent Gathering Sights and Sound of Lent with Snacks

DATE	Location
Mar. 1	St. Timothy's, Aston
Mar. 8	Holy Spirit, Secane
Mar. 15	St. John's, Folcroft
Mar. 22	Holy Trinity, Wallingford
Mar 29	Immanuel or St. Matthews

Lenten Collection

We will again be holding an outreach service project during the Lenten season. The Life Center in Upper Darby let us know that there is an ongoing need for supplies for the meals that are served there. These are the items we will be collecting for them:

Paper plates	Serving gloves
Spoons	Aluminum foil
Cereal bowls- disposable ones	Coffee
Napkins	Creamer
Hot/Cold cups- Large	

We will have the collection from **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd until Sunday March 26, 2023**. Please place the items in the labeled boxes in the hallway just outside the office. Thanks for your help in advance with this outreach activity.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

It's Time to Lighten Up!

This is a strange time of year. The days are short, the nights are long, and even though we dream of more daylight, we walk around hoping against hope that there won't be enough sunshine produced for a rodent (okay, a groundhog!) to see its own shadow. A quick scan of today's news can be equally as bleak. It is time for a little more light in an otherwise dark and dreary time.

Enter Epiphany. The missional emphasis of this season shines like a beacon of light and hope in the dead of winter, bringing good news in the middle of this world's not-so-good news. This week God provides the mission in Isaiah—feed the hungry, care for the homeless, clothe the naked. Upon accomplishing this mission God tells the people, “Your light shall break forth like the dawn.” Paul continues his Spirit-led mission, encouraging the church in Corinth, “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” Jesus teaches his disciples, “You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine before others” (Matt. 5:14, 16). Through these words in Jesus' sermon, he gives followers of every day and age a mission to share the light which scatters the darkness.

Whether you are looking in the news or out the window, things may seem pretty dark and dreary at this time of year, but do not miss the light of Epiphany! We are indeed created in God's image, therefore the spark of the divine is alive in all of us. The light shines through us as we live out God's mission for our lives each day. As Epiphany continues, we should all be prepared to let our light shine and share the good news.