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9:15 AM - February 4, 2024 - Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Beauty for Brokenness

Verses 1, 2 & 5

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
4 Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
5 Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,

Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills;
cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share;
plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the weak,
peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
make us con - tent with the things that we need.
seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com-pas - sion, we
 pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
 Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com-pas - sion, we' with chords D7, G, B7, Em, C, and Am7. The second staff continues with 'pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.' with chords D, D7/F#, G, B7, and Em. The third staff concludes with 'Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.' with chords C, Am7, C/D, and G2.

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Heal Me, O Lord

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and
 I shall be saved; saved.
 For thou art my praise, save me and I shall be saved.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and'. The second staff continues with 'I shall be saved; saved.' and includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2' and '3'). The third staff concludes with 'For thou art my praise, save me and I shall be saved.' and is marked 'D.C.' (Da Capo).

Text: Steven Eulberg; based on Jeremiah 17:14
 Music: HEAL ME, O LORD, Steven Eulberg

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Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

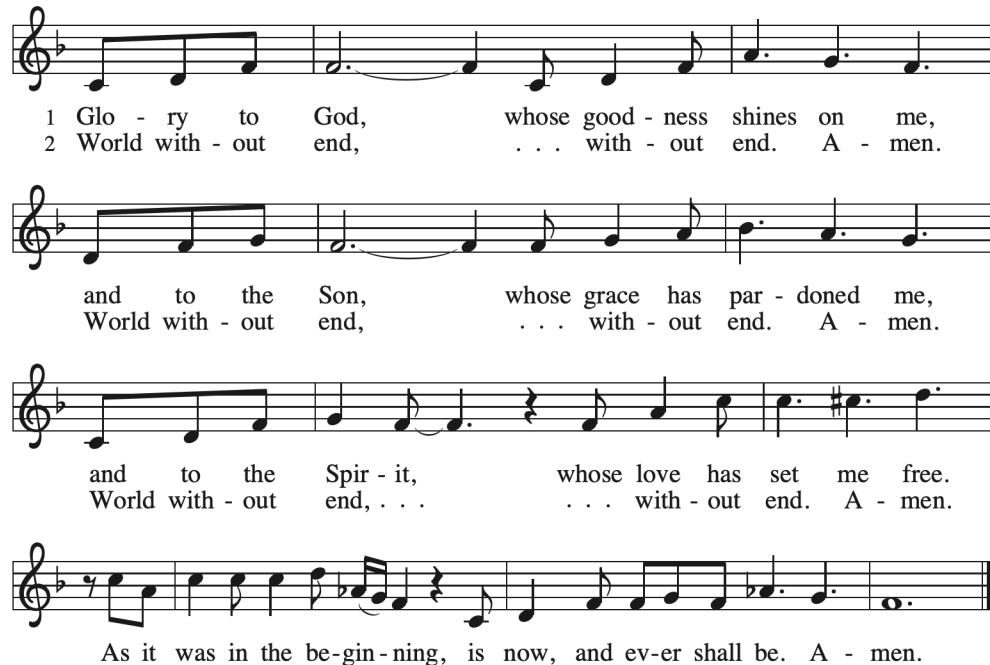
Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri
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A READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the

law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

verses 2,3, and 4

Leader All

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who
 loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!
 Dance to the life a - round you!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

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

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He 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." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

Everlasting God

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

To You All Hearts Are Open

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'To you all hearts are o - pen, to you all de - sires known. To you there are no se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.' The third staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a 'Last time' instruction above the final measure.

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
you all de - sires known. To you there are no
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Text: John Tirro, b. 1966; based on an 11th cent. collect, tr. *Book of Common Prayer*

Music: ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, John Tirro

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 for the 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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


Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,




say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,




make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All




2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

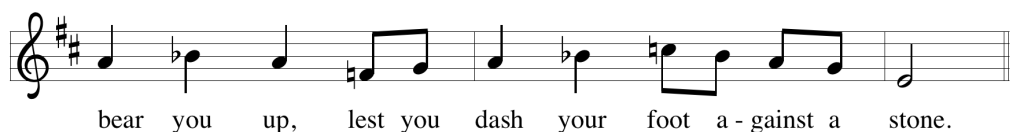
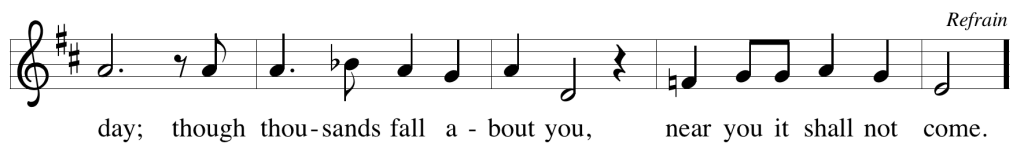


fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
run and not be weary. May your
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: JOURNEY BLESSING, Handt Hanson

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises ¹to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor ¹God with praise!

²The LORD re-¹ builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex-¹ iles of Israel.

³The LORD heals the ¹brokenhearted
and binds ¹up their wounds.

⁴The LORD counts the number ¹of the stars
and calls them all ¹by their names.

⁵Great is our LORD and might-¹ y in power;
there is no limit ¹to God’s wisdom.

⁶The LORD lifts ¹up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD ¹with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹to our God,

⁸who covers the heav-¹ ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up-¹ on the mountains.

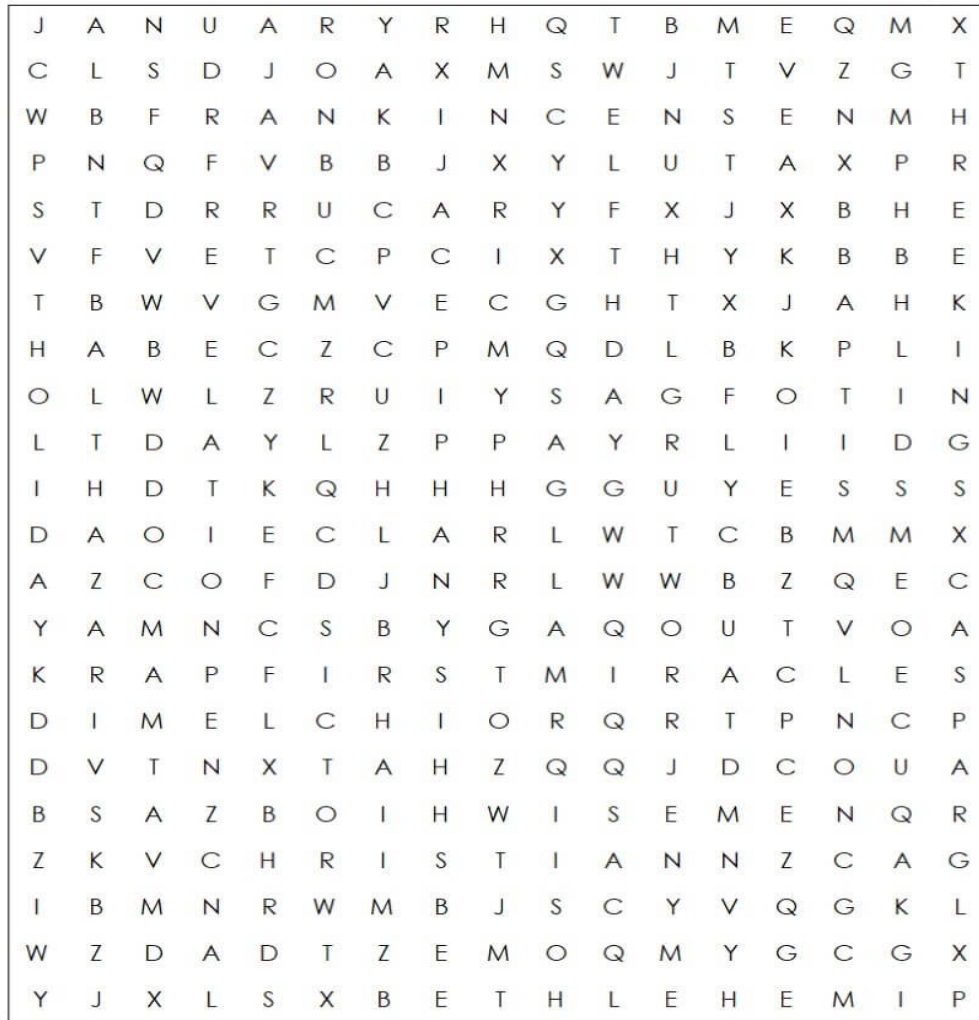
⁹God provides food ¹for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might ¹of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who ¹fear the LORD,
in those who await God’s steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

Name: _____

Epiphany Word Search



FIRST MIRACLE	REVELATION	MELCHIOR
FRANKINCENSE	BALTHAZAR	BAPTISM
WISE MEN	BETHLEHEM	HOLIDAY
THREE KINGS	CHRISTIAN	JANUARY
TWELFTH DAY	EPIPHANY	CASPAR

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Novice



Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Don Cole, Lauren Matthews, Beth Branham, Brian Sox, Kellie Kleber, Steve Rabon, Laurie Young.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Emma Lyons, Ann Crout, Jean Latimer, Fred Vallejo, Drewby McQuillen, Don Simmons
Al & Judy Jordan, Carolyn Dufries, Mary Davis

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

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