

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

—1 Corinthians 2.1-12

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle

Carter Bland

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism

Miller Norman
Sarah Moore

Congregational Response

Buried with Christ in baptism,
Raised to walk in newness of life.

Responsive Reading

Rev. Chris Cherry

Is not this the fast I choose:

**to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?**

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

**Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

**You shall cry for help and the LORD will say,
Here I am.**

—Isaiah 58.6-9

tHymn of Praise 568

HENDON

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

tWords of Friendship

Rev. Cherry

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Prayers of God's People

Shaun Martin

The Lord's Prayer

Terri Vancil

Our Father | **Our Father**
in heaven | **in heaven**
holy is your name | **holy is your name.**
Your kingdom come | **Your kingdom come**
Your will be done | **Your will be done**
on earth | **on earth** | as in heaven | **as in heaven.**

Give us today | **Give us today**
our daily bread | **our daily bread**
and forgive us our sins | **and forgive us our sins**
as we forgive those | **as we forgive those**
who sin against us | **who sin against us.**

Save us from the time | **Save us from the time**
of trial | **of trial**
and deliver us | **and deliver us**
from evil | **from evil.**

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever
For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Forever | **Forever** | and ever | **and ever.**

Our Father | **Our Father**
in heaven | **in heaven . . . holy is your name.**

Tune: OPPENHEIMER, anonymous

Opening of God's Word

J. J. Moore

Scripture Lesson

Rev. Cherry

Matthew 5.13-20

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Be Who You Are

Hymn of Response 656

SCHULER

Make Me a Blessing

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Shaun Martin

Musical Offering

Timothy Waugh

Endless Song Adult Handbells, Terri Vancil, director

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Song of Dismissal

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er
spring-ing! All things are mine since I am his! How
can I keep from sing - ing? No storm can shake my
in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

†Closing Voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach

In Thee Is Gladness

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of **Dr. Edwin Vaughan** on the occasion of his birthday
by Monica Vaughan.