

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 6, 2022

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany<sup>i</sup>*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*(for silent prayer during the prelude)*

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 138)*

One: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts;

**All: before the gods we sing your praise;**

One: we give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

**All: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

One: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

**All: for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

One: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

**All: for great is the glory of the Lord.**

One: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

**All: but the haughty he perceives from far away. Let us gather before and worship God!**

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION *(from Isaiah 6)*

The prophet Isaiah describes a people whose ears are stopped, whose eyes are shut, and whose minds do not comprehend. They

do not understand the ways of God and the need to repent. Let us turn to God and repent of our sinful ways.

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(30 seconds)*

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Isaiah 6)*

Patient and merciful God, you look upon us at times and find a people who keep listening but do not comprehend — a people who keep looking, but do not understand. We have closed ourselves from your ways and your will, O Lord. Soften our hearts and turn us toward you. Call us to repentance and forgive our sins. Call us away from the world and into your Kingdom of Heaven. We pray this in the name of the one who suffered death so that we might live — our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 1 Corinthians 15)*

The Apostle Paul confesses his sin claiming he is the least of the apostles — even unworthy to be called an apostle because he persecuted God's church. As God can forgive Paul, he can also forgive each of us. Repent and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*. . . to Proclaim God's Word*

FIRST READING                      Isaiah 6:1-13                      p. 635

EPISTLE READING                      1 Corinthians 15:1-11                      p. 176

GOSPEL READING                      Luke 5:1-11                      p. 62

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      "Of First Importance"                      Rev. Andy Smothers

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our 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.**

### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*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 THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

One: . . . Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**One:** ... Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**One:** ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**One:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** Let us keep the feast.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

... to Give Thanks to God ...

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from 1 Corinthians 15)

Merciful and gracious God, the Apostle Paul writes of what he handed down to us of first importance. For you sent Christ to earth, and he died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. He was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures as the first fruits and demonstration of what awaits those who follow him. In thankfulness, we dedicate a portion of our labors for the work of your church. Bless these gifts, and guide our Session in their investment. Amen.

... and to Be Sent in God's Name.

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tues. Feb. 8	Finance Committee	9:30 AM
	PNC Meeting	1:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 13	Bible Study	10:00 AM

*Welcome* to online worship this morning! We invite you to focus on worship and give your attention to God as we join together virtually again this week.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Jane Arends, and organist Ernestine Olson for the intention to serve today.

Due to rising COVID-19 cases, we have **canceled our Wednesday evening programs until further notice.** Watch our Facebook page and website for further updates.

Due to rising COVID-19 cases, the Session will set a new date for our Annual Meeting in its February meeting. **Annual Report** booklets are available today in the Narthex. Please note that there were changes to the financial pages on February 1<sup>st</sup>; updated pages are also available in the Narthex.

Please do note that you may **give online to our church** through the Presbyterian Foundation and their partner Vanco. You can setup a one-time gift or ongoing gifts weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually using your checking or savings account or credit/debit card. Do note that a 2% fee is assessed before the church receives your gift. Details are available on the website, or you can use your smartphone to scan the QR code (two-dimensional barcode) near this message.



If you have any articles to contribute to the **March Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

For the last two weeks, combined giving was **\$5,282.00.** In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,995.00** per week.

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