**February 6, 2022** 

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## **CONFESSING TO GOD**

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

\*All may stand as able

Liturgist: David Perry

Chiming of the Hour

**Welcome and Announcements** 

David Perry

**Prelude** My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Diane Bish

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us away from the tumult of the world, that

we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

People: In God's Presence, we see our lives more clearly, the

broken pieces are put back together.

Leader: God calls us out of a life of isolation into a life of

community.

People: Worshiping together, caring about one another, we

find out what it means to be truly human.

Leader: But God will send us back into the world's confusion

and busyness, its brokenness and isolation.

People: We will go back with confidence and joy,

strengthened to be God's people, the bearers of

hope.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 837

What a Fellowship,

**SHOWALTER** 

What a Joy Divine

\* INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the Church into one body, gather us once more into your presence and strengthen the bonds that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to love one another. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust. Prepare us to be servants of your will and agents of your love in this place and all around us. Amen.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Heavenly Father, you are like a Parent whose will it is that all your children would have faith; that we would love each other; that we would care for each other; and that we would lift each other up. But you do not force us to do so.

Thus, sometimes we are like children, clutching rather than sharing, judging rather than showing compassion, and being exclusive rather than inclusive. Often, we are reluctant to invest our time and energy for the benefit of others.

Forgive us, O God. Help us to be more like Christ who gave up everything for us.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: If God is our parent, then God loves us in spite of

ourselves.

People: God desires our wholeness, and not our punishment.

Leader: Through Christ, our Heavenly Father forgives our sins

and blesses us with love.

#### \* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

David Perry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:7-8

**ANTHEM** My Shepherd Page/Shafferman

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways, and leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His; and He is mine forever.
And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise, within Thy house forever.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

**SERMON** "The Road to Happiness" Dr. Dawson Harmon

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory This Savior Mine Gilbert Martin
"I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine;
and with unfailing lip and heart, I call this Savior mine."

Horatio Bonar, 1861

## \* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Dawson Harmon

## PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION

**HYMN OF PREPARATION 521** *In Remembrance of Me* RED

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNION PRAYER AND 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 SACRAMENT

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THANKSGIVING

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 519 You Are My Strength JERNIGAN
When I Am Weak

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING Dr. Dawson Harmon

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

\* Postlude Toccata Jan Sweelinck (1562-1621)

# **Prayer Concerns**

for our church family . . .

George McLean Margaret Linville Agnes Dauphinee Wayne Hughins Melissa Scholl Jim Gillespie Nellie Songer **Edward Giddens** Al Greenberg Vernon Clark Laura Reichert Jon Scholl Carol Brown Vicki Cunningham Kay Prevatt Karen Rainwater Chip Prevatt Janet Prevatt

for our extended family . . .

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