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## Fifth Sunday of EPIPHANY



**February 7, 2021**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, arr. Dale Wood

Welcome

Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

♩=132

Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid - er still. Let this be our

song, no one stands a - lone, stand - ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide. wide.

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass  
 3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms\_\_\_\_\_  
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call\_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - ry door\_\_\_\_\_

D.C.

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## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah said to the people, "Have you not been paying attention?

Have you not been listening?

Haven't you heard these stories all your life?

Don't you understand the foundation of all things?

God sits high above the round ball of earth.

The people look like mere ants.

God stretches out the skies like a canvas—

yes, like a tent canvas to live under,  
and ignores what all the rulers say and do.

The rulers of the earth count for nothing.

Royalty and rulers don't amount to much.

Like seeds barely rooted, just sprouted,  
They shrivel when God blows on them.

Like flecks of chaff, they're gone with the wind."

"So—who is like me?

Who holds a candle to me?" says The Holy.

"Look at the night skies:

Who do you think made all this?

Who marches this army of stars out each night,  
counts them off, calls each by name

—so magnificent! so powerful!—

and never overlooks a single one?

Why would you ever complain, O Jacob,

or, whine, Israel, saying,

'God has lost track of me.

God doesn't care what happens to me'?

Don't you know anything? Haven't you been listening?

God doesn't come and go. God lasts.

God is Creator of all you can see or imagine,  
so doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch a breath.

And God knows everything, inside and out,  
energizing those who get tired,

giving fresh strength to dropouts.

For even young people tire and drop out,

young folk in their prime stumble and fall.

But those who wait upon God get fresh strength.

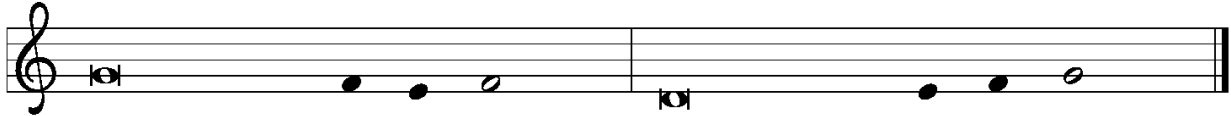
They spread their wings and soar like eagles,  
they run and don't get tired,

they walk and don't lag behind."

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c



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Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.

**The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names.**

Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

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

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

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

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

but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. | Hallelujah!



## Gospel

**Mark 1:29-39** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Directly on leaving the meeting place, Jesus, Simon, and Andrew came to Simon and Andrew's house, accompanied by James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed, burning up with fever. They told Jesus. He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. No sooner had the fever left than she was up fixing dinner for them.

That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits. Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn't let them say a word.

While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed. Simon and those with him went looking for him. They found him and said, "Everybody's looking for you."

Jesus said, "Let's go to the rest of the villages so I can preach there also. This is why I've come." He went to their meeting places all through Galilee, preaching and throwing out the demons.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

***RECALLED TO LIFE***



## Ministry of Music

***All are Welcome***

arr. Mark Hayes

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Barbara and David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Heidi Sherer's cousin Ann, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews, Andrea and Scott Steiner.

## **Children's Time**

### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

### **Sharing the Meal**



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

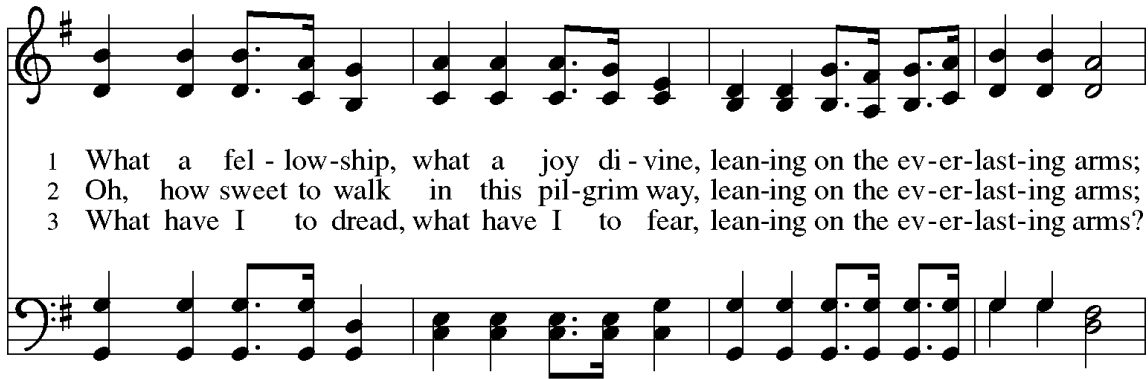
Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed. **Amen.**



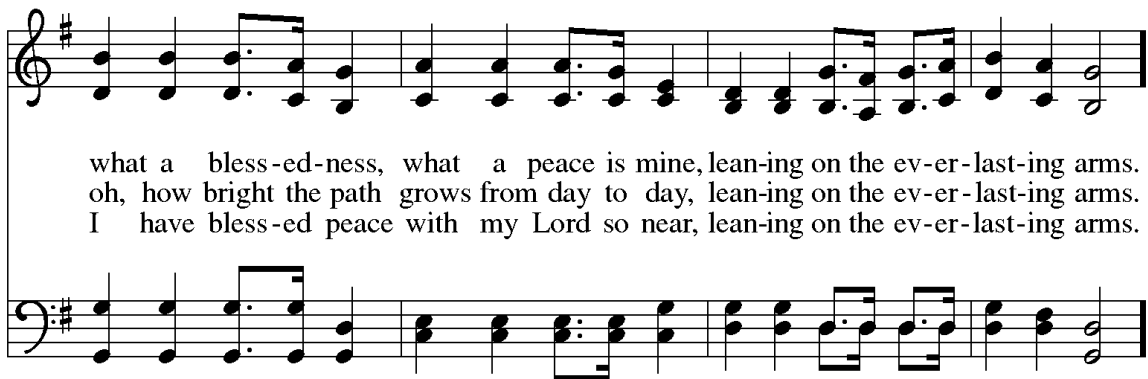
# WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

## What a Fellowship




1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

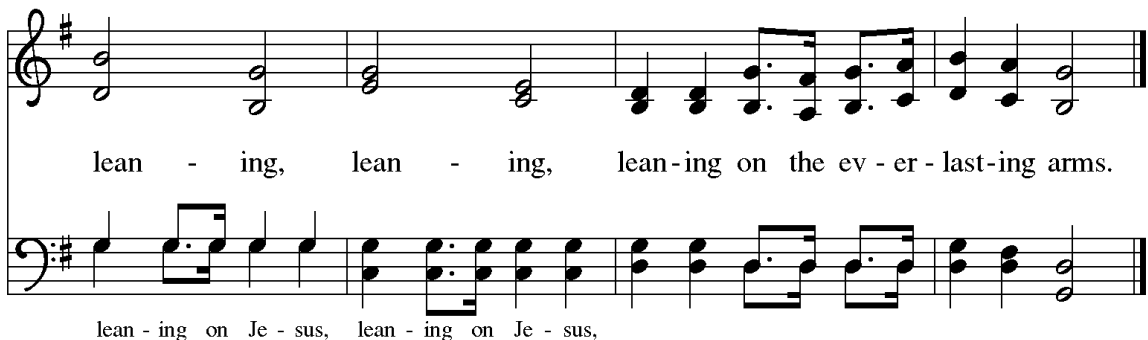


what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919  
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, arr. John Carter**

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**Adult Sunday School  
11:15 am Sundays**



**DEAR CHURCH:**

**A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to  
the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.**

This week discussing the first 5 chapters

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Time: **Feb 7, 2021 11:15 AM**

Time: **Sunday January 31, 11:15 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>

Meeting ID: **818 8878 2023**; Passcode: **630107**

Phone only: **646 876 9923**



**A Brewing Faith**

**Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm**

Conversation and fellowship

Via Zoom

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88406607138?pwd=TUMybS80ZFVSOUFocDV2bEVqZW1kUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 0660 7138

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Phone only: 646 876 9923



**The Book of Genesis**

**We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!**

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 9, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: **871 3736 6983**

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Emily Ott
Cantor	Scott Steiner
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Tom Mimlitch; Sue Yehling

*Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 7 - 14

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	7:00 pm	ZOOM Anti-Racism Group
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



**Birthdays this week:**  
8 - William Goshen  
8 - Robin Stokes  
11 - Stan Heacock



### **Anti-Racism Group Wednesday, February 10 7:00 pm – Via ZOOM**

Any who wish are invited to join us as we talk about concrete steps we can take to bear witness to the inclusive love and justice of Jesus.

Our guest will be *Pastor Derrick Holmes*, Faith Organizer for the Amos Project.

**Topic:** Redeemer Anti-Racism Zoom Meeting

**Time:** Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM

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