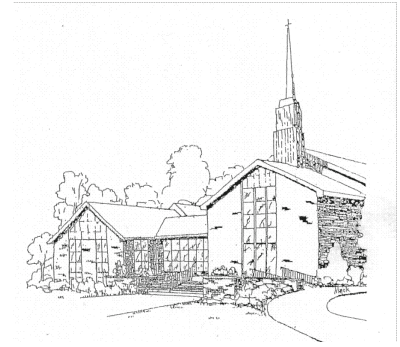


SUNDAY CELEBRATION

February 5, 2012 ♦ 11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday after Epiphany



**Listening devices and large-print materials
are available from the ushers.**

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic pagers.

**All those who are able, please stand.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

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

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GLORY TO THE FATHER (sung)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE GREAT MYSTERY OF FAITH

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Christians are invited to participate in the Sacrament fully.

It is our custom to commune at the time we are served the bread and the cup.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 437

Our Cities Cry to You, O God

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hallelujah!

D. Wagner

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Seek Ye First

D. Wagner

♦ ♦ ♦ *Please keep silent so that others can meditate* ♦ ♦ ♦

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40:21-31

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**All: It is God who sits above the earth,
And its inhabitants are as mere grasshoppers;
It is God who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, Who brings the
rulers of the earth to nothing. Scarcely do these rulers come on the scene
and God blows them away like stubble. Who can compare to God?**

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. Yahweh does not faint or grow weary, His understanding is beyond us. He gives power to the faint and strength to the weak. Even youths will faint and be weary, Even young people shall fall exhausted;

**All: But they who wait for Yahweh will renew their strength.
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not be weary,
They will walk and not be faint.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our church, we often pretend that we don't need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE TO PARDON (Tune 579)

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**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN THE 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.

ANTHEM

Gifts of Bread and Wine
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Reading	Mark 1: 29-39	Pew Bible N.T. page 35
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 40:12-31	Pew Bible, O.T. pg 668

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Who Is Really In Charge Here?

Rev. Van Hise

*HYMN 411

Arise! Your Light Has Come!

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or brokenhearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings

J. Carter

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*AFFIRMATION 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 worshipped 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.