



5th Sunday After Epiphany

February 7, 2021
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“Lento” from TWO INTERLUDES
Gordon Young
Brad Stipcak, Organ

CENTERING WORDS

*How can we keep silent if we truly know the awesome power,
mercy, and love of God?*

Welcome and Announcements

Jon Farrell-Higgins

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

Holy One, with our ancestors and all the people of God, we gather to sing your praises. You are the one who has created the cosmos and the ants. You give food to whales and sparrows, name the stars, and count the hairs on our heads. Inspire us this day: to turn our praise into action, to share your good news with those who long to hear a word of hope, to proclaim your message of peace and justice throughout the world. Praise to you! Amen.

Musical Interlude

“Adagio” from TWO INTERLUDES
Gordon Young
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing.

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is
the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning?
Haven't you understood since the earth was founded?
God inhabits the earth's horizon—
its inhabitants are like locusts—
stretches out the skies like a curtain
and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.
God makes dignitaries useless
and the earth's judges into nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth
when God breathes on them, and they dry up;
the windstorm carries them off like straw.

So to whom will you compare me,
and who is my equal? says the holy one.

Look up at the sky and consider:
Who created these?
The one who brings out their attendants one by one,

summoning each of them by name.

Because of God's great strength
and mighty power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, Jacob,
and declare, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
my God ignores my predicament"?

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.

His understanding is beyond human reach,
giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.
Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson

Mark 1: 29-39

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. The whole town gathered near the door. He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.

Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. Simon and those with him tracked him down. When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!"

He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Breathe"
Marie Barnett
Jaron Marcus, Piano

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

This morning we will celebrate communion as we worship. If you wish to partake of this sacrament, please have elements (juice, bread, etc.) ready.

Invitation to the Table

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.

AMEN.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

“Mighty to Save”

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Jon Farrell-Higgins, Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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