

**United Presbyterian Church**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 7, 2021**  
**11:00am**

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

Thanks for worshiping with us. Whether you are with us from the pew or with us via your computer screen, we are so glad you're here. Remember, worship is about God and we focus our eyes and hearts on the One who is before all things. At the same time, we know that when we gather, we receive gracious gifts and experience the love of Christ as one church.

To prepare for worship, read the Words of Preparation; read and reflect upon the Scripture passage for today. Be intentional about connecting with God in your worship.

**Words for Preparation**

O Lord,  
in the name of Jesus Christ your Son our God,  
give us that love which can never cease,  
that will kindle our lamps but not extinguish them,  
that they may burn in us and enlighten others.

O Christ, our dearest Savior,  
kindle our lamps,  
that they may evermore shine in your temple,  
that they may receive unquenchable light from you  
that will enlighten our darkness,  
and lessen the darkness of the world.

*An Ancient Collect, 6<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Prelude**

**"Prelude in G minor"**

**George Oldroy**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

written by Joanna Harader

Have you not known?

**Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Have you not heard?

**God does not faint or grow weary.**

Have you not known?

**God's understanding is unsearchable.**

Have you not heard?

**God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

Have you not known?

**Those who wait for God will renew their strength**

***they shall mount up with wings like eagles.***

We come to hear.

**We come to know.**

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Hymn**

**"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

### **Call to Confession**

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*(Period of silence for personal confession)*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been and help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has gone and a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Gloria Patri**

### **Prayers of People 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 and ever.

*Amen.*

### **Special Music**

### **"It Is Well With My Soul"**

Composed by Phillip P Bliss

Arranged by Bill Ingram

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Amen.

## **Scripture Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (New Revised Standard Version)**

9:16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

9:17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

9:18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

9:19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

9:21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

9:22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

9:23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

### **Mark 1:29-39 (New Revised Standard Version)**

1:29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

1:30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

1:31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

1:32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

1:33 And the whole city was gathered around the door.

1:34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

1:35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

1:36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

1:37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

1:38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

1:39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## **Sermon**

Rev. Candice Womack

### **Affirmation of Faith**

In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all people should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with all people to accept his gracious invitation. Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace, faith comes by the hearing of the Word of God; Christ has commissioned his church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. (Westminster Confession, 6.056, 6.058)

### **Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

## **Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**"Elevation"**

**Dom Paul Benoit**

*(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at [upctx.org/giving](http://upctx.org/giving))*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, bless these gifts that we have given, teach us to love with all we have, to be people overflowing with kindness and compassion. By your Holy Spirit, form us to bear your image, your kingdom, and use all these gifts we have given to further the ministry of your church. Be with us, O Lord, and infuse us with the hope of Christ Jesus amid uncertainty.

**Hymn**

**"I Love to Tell The Story"**

**Choral Benediction**

**"Go Now In Peace"**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**"In dir ist freude"**

**J.S. Bac**

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**THE SESSION**

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MONDAY February 8	TUESDAY February 9	WEDNESDAY February 10	THURSDAY February 11	FRIDAY February 12	SATURDAY February 13	SUNDAY February 14
5:30 Stewardship Mtg.	6:00 pm Safety Mtg		8:00 am Bread Ministry 4:30 p.m. Yoga 6:30 M/E			9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 a m Worship