

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 4, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “On Eagle’s Wings” arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME Liturgist

ENTRANCE THE OF SCOUTS

POSTING OF THE COLORS

RECITING THE SCOUT OATH

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

God gathers us together in this place.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up our wounds.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God lifts the downtrodden
and casts out wickedness.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN** #387 “Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us ”

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

Restoring God, teach us to steal away and pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

We give thanks that you continue to heal.

You continue to cast out those things we ought not have in us.

“Forgive us we fervently pray.” Help us to perceive what you are doing among us, that we might learn your voice among the many that call for our loyalty and be better equipped to do the work you have for us. Restore us to community and show us how to live in gratitude, freed from the bondage of sin. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kaul

God is among us! We have been baptized into Christ, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Saving God source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we may receive your grace, and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

Liturgist

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³ who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not
be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Kaul

SERMON

“The Lord Strengthens and Heals”

HYMN-(INSERT)

“You Who Dwell in The Shelter of The Lord”
(On Eagle’s Wings)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: **Liturgist**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

arr. David Lowe

***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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

Let us pray now with confidence as children of God the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying:

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.

HYMN # 429 "Lord, You Give The Great Commission"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other." (Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE

"This Is the Day The Lord Has Made"

arr. Gunter Martin Göttsche

Serving Today
LITURGIST- John A.
USHERS- Curtis H., Debbie H., Frank P.
COUNTERS - Debbie F., Sherry M.
FELLOWSHIP - Deacons
FLOWERS- Ken & Robin F.

The flowers, this Scout Sunday, February 4th, are placed to honor all of the scouts in Troop #1. In particular Ryan S., Troop #1's newest Eagle Scout. The flowers also, are in loving memory of Joseph E. Stanger Sr., one of Troop #1's first Eagle Scouts and in memory of Harry A. Freitag Jr. and his 60-year involvement with the troop committee.



Thank you to my church family for all your prayers, concerns, cards and food you have sent my way. I am on the mend and have been informed it will take a while. I already miss you all and will see you when I am able.
Heather

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