

February 6, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

5th Sunday After The Epiphany

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Lee Robirds, Congregational Nurse

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

***Passing of the Peace**

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship**

Rudy Powell

Leader: We have been called the salt of the earth.

People: Let us remain hidden and distinctive.

Leader: We have been called the light of the world.

People: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

Leader: We have been called a city set on a hill.

People: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in the worship of God, the Sovereign of hosts and the Savior of the humble.

***Hymn No. 57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Call to Confession

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

We have come together, not to be confirmed in our prejudices, but to be changed, not to be affirmed for our righteousness, but to uncover the immaturity of our faith that we might grow. Thus, we confess to God our failure to live by the best we know, and our limited response to the vision God sets before us.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. There is good news of Forgiveness and healing to be shared. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Page 202 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (See insert for words)

Thee We Adore
Chancel Choir

arr. Ralph Johnson

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison) **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

Aria from Violin Sonata, Op. 2 No. 2

Vivaldi

*Doxology 94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Shell Dula

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Hymn No. 163

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Hendon

†*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Page 5 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Light and Salt Christians"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Please see insert)

(All are welcome to share in communion served by intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle as directed by the ushers. After receiving the elements, you are invited to the altar rail for prayer, commitment, recommitment to Christ, confession, and comfort, or you may return to your seat using the side aisles.)

*Hymn No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*Benediction

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

May the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided