February 5, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday After the Epiphany Liturgical Color: Green

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

MaryAshlynne Perkey

PRELUDE

11:00 am

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Faulkner

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good and how lovely it is

People: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If the Lord's disciples keep silent

People: these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN NO. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

*INVOCATION

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Creator God, how lovely is the dwelling you have made for us!

You who create all things, we gladly awaken in your presence.

You are our maker, our host, and our home.

Risen Christ, how lovely is your dwelling with us!

You invite us to feast at your table:

to be nourished by your teaching,

to be healed by your grace,

and to share in this banquet of life

with all the other poor sinners of this world.

You who taught and healed, you who died and were raised, you who are the Bread of Life, feed us with your presence,

fill us with your spirit, and lead us by your word.

We desire with all our heart and mind and strength

to die and live with you in the mystery of eternal life. Holy Spirit, love of God, how lovely is your dwelling with us!

Wisdom of God, how gracious is your invitation to feast at your table.

You make of us one body, the Body of Christ.

God, we give our hearts to you, that by your grace

we may devote ourselves to lives of compassion, justice, and joy,

for the sake of the transformation of the world,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:27-31 Page 818 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER Psalm 147:1-11 See Insert

†*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:29-39 Page 43 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER The Reverend Terry C. Martin

ANTHEM How Can I Keep From Singing? arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Chancel Choir with John DeLoach, clarinet

OFFERING

OFFERTORY May God Bestow on Us His Grace Krieger

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Last Uns Erfreuen Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: 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

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jessica Morris

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*HYMN NO. 381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

SERMON

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ.

Around this table, we enact our faith. The body broken is restored to wholeness; lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

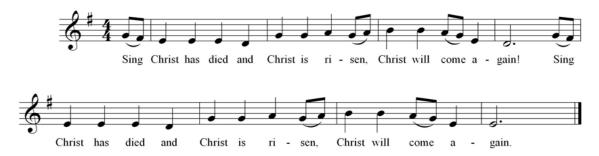
It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God. You poured out the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, teaching them the truth of your son Jesus, empowering your church for its service, and uniting us as your holy people. Therefore, in all times and places your people proclaim your glory in unending praise:



We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image. We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations. Yet we rebelled against your will. In spite of the prophets and pastors sent to us, we continued to break your covenant. In the fullness of time, you sent your only son to save us. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, he reconciled us to your love. At the Jordon your Spirit descended upon him, anointing him to preach the good news of your reign. He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion. He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace. We beheld his glory.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread; giving thanks to you, he broke the bread and offered it to his disciples, saying, "Take this and eat; this is my body, which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." Taking the cup, again he gave thanks to you, shared the cup with his disciples and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Drink from this, all of you. This is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by his followers and beaten. He stood trial and was put to death on a cross. Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, he was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth. Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission, and leading us into the new creation you have promised. Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.

The Cup we Share is the Cup of Promise.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come and eat, the banquet awaits.

(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.)

Communion Servers: Hazel Bennett, Emmie Burns, Reverend Martin, Mark Robirds

Please unite your voices with other believers in singing these hymns during communion

Hymn 451

Hymn 614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Hymn 620

One Bread, One Body

Prayer Following Communion

O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ, and, by this meal, filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth; our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world; our hands which have held this bread and cup may be active in your service. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN NO. 474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord

*BENEDICTION

Leader In this place your healing has begun.

People: Now begins the healing of the world.

Leader: Go in peace. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided

Psalter

Psalm 147

Hal H. Hopson (1-11) Hal H. Hopson



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord.

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Praise to the Lord, for it is good to praise; God, who the loving heart with love repays; Whose gracious kindness blesses us always. Sing Alleluia. Sing praise to God.

R

God makes the broken heart rejoice once more; A healing ointment on our wounds will pour; Our feeble spirits shall the Lord restore. Sing Alleluia. Sing praise to God.

R

Great is the Lord, abundant in such care; The Lord provides for creatures everywhere; To God's rich love, no earthly loves compare. Sing Alleluia. Sing praise to God.

R

Our greatest strength is weakness in God's sight; In our false vision, God does not delight, But for our constant will to live aright. Sing Alleluia. Sing praise to God.

R

VALENTINE GRAMS \$10.00



Send a Valentine Gram to your loved ones and support our Main Street Youth trip to Big Stuf (summer spiritual life trip to Panama City Beach, FL). Grams will be delivered Monday, February 13 between 5-7 pm! They will receive three balloons, a candy bag, and a card!

Please fill out this form, and attach a check for your total order (Payable to Main Street United Methodist Church, marked Valentine Grams). Each Valentine Gram will cost \$10.00. Please place your check in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the church office no later than **Sunday**, **February 12**. Checks must accompany forms.

Name of Sender
Daytime Phone of sender
Name of Valentine
Address of Valentine
Message on Card