# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY February 7, 2021

#### Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

-Bach

## OPENING SENTENCES

Let us worship and sing praises to God, for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise! God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.

Let us hope in God's steadfast love and worship God together!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends.

You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin.

Forgive us, O God.
Pour your compassion on us this day,
and by your forgiveness,
show us how to share it with one another. AMEN.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN.

# GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

HYMN MEDITATION

God of Great and God of Small

-Sleeth

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

HYMN # 686 God of Our Life

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee. In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 300 We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, And we pray the all unity may one day be restored:

(Refrain)

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; We will work with each other; we will work side by side, And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

Postlude

Voluntary in C -Johnson

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