



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Kathy Pittman

February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 A.M.

(Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)*

Gathering

Meditative Prelude

played by Kyle Aho

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on the importance of not losing our saltiness and not hiding our light. You might want to read and reflect on Isaiah 58: 1-9a and Matthew 5: 13-20.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or you may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are on your faith journey, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Sarah Graham

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Stephan

***Call to Celebration**

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the ends of the world God calls the Universal Church, and we are a part of. Thus, everybody is welcome, for we are all one in Christ.

People: All are welcome. Young and old. Men and women. People with white skin and people with colored skin. Straight and gay. Rich and Poor. Sick and Healthy. Believers and doubters.

Pastor: Let us praise our God with passionate hearts and open minds.

People: We come before God's presence with joy and singing.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's court with praise.

People: For the Holy One is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn of Celebration** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

No. 59

Prayer of Confession

Please be seated.

Pastor: Risen Christ, Your acceptance allows us to be honest with you. Thus we bring all we are to you, that you may renew our hearts and minds.

It comes natural to us to love the people who are dear and close to us.

All: Help us to intensify our love that we learn to love those we have a hard time even liking.

Pastor: When things do not go our way we are discouraged, disgruntled and give up easily.

All: Let us see again the hop that lies in you and widen our view from what is important to us to what is important to you.

Pastor: When we experience injustice and hurt done to us or to others, we want to lash out in anger as if that would change anything.

All: Help us not to waste the energy of our anger aimlessly, but to let it fire up our passion to love more ardently, to share more joyfully and work for peace ever more earnestly.

Pastor: Our minds work ceaselessly to unravel the mysteries of our world and of you. What we think is understood we tend to label and restrict in boxes.

All: Free our mind of preconceived ideas and prejudices and open us to the wonders of your reality and the unique quality of every human being.

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use "Examen," which simply means an examining of our lives in a prayerful way. It is different from a prayer of confession in that it reviews both the good and the bad of our lives. You pause to look back over your week, or as many days as you wish to examine, and notice where you have partnered with God. In other words,

when were you trying to do it alone and when did you ask God to assist you? You can also remember the events, encounters or insights that felt like gifts from God and those that did not. Or remember the times in the day when you gave and received love, and when you did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined, you may journal what you have uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri**

(“Glory Be to the Father” No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Children’s Time

Tona Rowett

(Children will leave with Tona for Sunday school)

Anthem

“Light of the world”

Reading of Holy Scripture

Isaiah 58: 1-9a-Liturgist

p. 674

Matthew 5: 13-20-Pastor Becky

p. 880

Sermon

“Moonlight Cove”

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

“Near to the Heart of God”

No. 621

Prayers of the People

Pastor Becky

Choral Response

Offering Statement

Pastor Stephan

Offertory

Instrumental Interlude

played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

(“Praise God” No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

***Offering Prayer**

Pastor Becky

***Service of Holy Communion** (pages 5 - 6 of *Worship Resources in pew rack*)

***Closing Hymn**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

No. 782

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response “Peace be unto this congregation”**

Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion. Peace to ev - 'ry
soul here - in. Peace, which flows - from Christ's sal - va - tion. This He
gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem - ing all our sin.

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- TODAY: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
- Communion
- Worship Committee meets..... After services
- Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm
- Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
- Board of Service Ministry 6:00 pm
- Tuesday: Fish Day
- Brotherhood 8:00 am
- Council..... 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Thursday: Women’s Guild 1:00 pm
- Friday: Spiritual Development Group..... 6:00 pm
- Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany..... 10:30 am
- Bring Crosslines Food Donations
- Sabbatical Committee meets After worship
- Independent Women..... 1:00 pm