

February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Worship Order
9:30 AM

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

PRELUDE Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go - George Dyson

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LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.

Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,
we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,
as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,
we proclaim the God of love.

Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

OPENING HYMN ELW 579 Lord, You give the great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,

and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE All glory be to God on high



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
praise you for your glo - ry. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You call us,
Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,
inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors

into the uncharted waters of faith
to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You
into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany
You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.

As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.
Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

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With people of all times and places, we join in professing our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Carry the Light - Twila Paris

arr. Tom Fettke

Cathy Texter, soprano

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 545 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.
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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Song 34 - Peter Hurford

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Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:
Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, Kenny Nace, Ann Brown Hager,
David Mounts, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, David and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater, Leanne
Kratzer, Steve Keyser, Sydney Crossin, Kathy Reese, Jon Baxter, Paige Seasock, Peyton
Seasock, Theresa Hasson, Tal Umstead, Heidi Slook, Dorothy Rudolph, Mary Clayton, Michelle
Baxter, Ruthie Jadick Donna Derstine, Brian Derstine, Andrew Robison, Jeff Hart, Margaret
Simon, Hailey Mientus, Gary Battersby, Jeff Jadick and Loretta Diehl.

Mark your Calendar

TODAY	11:30 Bowling @ Earl Bowl
Tuesday, Feb 8	7:30pm Small Group Zoom on Galatians
Wednesday, Feb 9	7pm Confirmation Learning
Thursday, Feb 10	7pm Outreach Committee
Sunday, Feb 13	8:45am Faith Formation (pre K-gr.5) 9:30am Worship (and zoom)

STAR Words are available in the narthex and the parlor. Pick up yours today.

No Sew Blankets for Open Link

On Feb. 13 from 8:45 until 9:15, Christian Formation will be making no sew blankets for Open Link to give away at a future time. We are inviting all ages to come and help. If you can tie a knot, you can help. Each participant will be getting an individually wrapped Valentine treat to enjoy.

Small Group Conversation: Galatians – Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

Martin Luther called Paul's letter to the Galatians "my Katie von Bora." Paul's conviction that we are justified (made right with God) by grace through faith in Christ is central to Luther's theology, so it makes sense that he would think of this New Testament letter with the same intimacy and affection he felt for his wife. Join Pastor Becky as we explore the book of Galatians in conversation with Luther, who was a biblical scholar as well as a church reformer.

Hop on the MealTrain

Tal Umstead was hospitalized for almost two months this fall after he lost all feeling in his body from his chest down. Check out the meal train page for Tal and his wife Kelly to read more about his medical journey and how you can support the family at this time. To access the meal train go to <https://mealtrain.com/3d3qe8>

One of the biggest supports for Tal will be the prayerful support of his congregation, so feel free to send your love and support to Tal and Kelly with a card.

**Tal and Kelly Umstead
1044 Sofa Road
East Greenville, PA 18041**

Cards and meals are simple yet tangible ways we can support those going through difficult times. Thank you for being part of this ministry!

From Friedens Union Cemetery Assoc.

We would like to remind people who have Christmas arrangements up at the cemetery to please retrieve them. The cemetery committee will be cleaning off the cemetery around March 1 weather permitting. Please also be aware that the driveways up in the cemetery are not maintained in the winter. Thank you, any questions feel free to call Evey Koffel.

Heavenly Helper Spring Trip Plan There are so many places in need... wildfires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes. The decision of where to go could be anywhere in the country, but we have decided to go to Kentucky where tornadoes hit last December.

We will leave for Kentucky on March 26th and return April 2, 2022.

Let me tell you what it is like to go to a disaster area. There are so many emotions that go through your body and mind. It is devastating and so hard to take in, but there is also an overwhelming sensation of fulfillment. Listening to their stories will definitely leave you with a sense of loss and compassion. The look on their faces as they see what perfect strangers are willing to do for them will leave you with a sense of true happiness. Believe me when I tell you that there will be a part of you that will never be the same!

If you think you would like to join us or have any questions, please call Elaine Keller at 215-262-5366 or email me at elaineakeller@comcast.net