



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

5th Sunday after Epiphany | February 7, 2021

PRELUDE *I Will Serve the Lord All My Days* Don Besig & Nancy Price

Vicki Chadwick, Lynn Auman, Ken Curry, Chad Hammer, quartet

Each day I live, I will walk with the Lord; I will follow Him wherever He may lead. He will take my hand, He will understand; His grace is all that I need. Each day I live, I will talk with the Lord, I will come to Him in worship and in prayer. He will hear my plea, He will comfort me; His love will always be there. Alleluia, alleluia! My heart sings with glory and with praise. Alleluia, alleluia! I will serve the Lord all my days. Each day I live, I will sing to the Lord, I will lift my voice to glorify His name. Singing clear and strong, I will raise my song. His wondrous love, I'll proclaim! Alleluia, alleluia! My heart sings with glory and with praise. Alleluia, alleluia! I will serve the Lord all my days. Copyright © 2000, GlorySound a Division of Shawnee Press, Inc. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-732613

CALL TO WORSHIP Dick & Cynthia Wilson, liturgists

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Listen to the stories of God,

promising God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Listen to the Son of God,

showing us how to live, love, and serve.

Listen to the Spirit of God,

revealing God's call in our lives.

Let us worship God.

HYMN *Word of Wisdom, Word of Wonder* REGENT SQUARE

Word of Wisdom, Word of wonder, source of boundless time and space;

light creating, life unfolding till it formed our human race;

Word before all stars and planets, we your people, sing your praise.

Word of promise, Word incarnate as the Son of God on earth;

living, dying, rising, reigning, sending your apostles forth;

Word that sought the lost and lonely, praise for love that gives us worth!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we are thankful that you humbled yourself to live among us; joyful that you chose us to be your companions; amazed that you stick by us, for we often struggle sticking by you. Gracious God, open the deep down eyes of every heart that we might see you.

May we see your compassion **that created us**;
your imagination **that bound us together**;
your justice **that shapes our future**;
your word **that calls us to be**;
your healing **that recreates each day**;
your forgiveness **that transforms who we shall be**;
your spirit **that redefines who we are**;
your hope **that never lets us go**.

(Silent confession)

And as you reveal your presence to us
may our actions reveal your Light to the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends,
our prayers are accepted; our lives are forgiven.
Christ is revealed to us and with awe
we recognize our incredible value in God's love.
We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
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. (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:1-17

SERMON

"A Matter of Life and Death"

Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

. . . and for ourselves.

**We pray for your creation, Lord,
our home and source of life,**

. . . and hospitality.

**We pray for this world as it groans
under the weight of our desires and expectations**

. . . for cheap living.

**And we know, all the while,
that somewhere the cost for our expectations
has to be paid,**

. . . who have few choices.

**May we recognize the cost of our living,
and seek reconciliation and restoration.**

We pray for people within our communities, Lord,

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**May we strive to bring healing to those who are suffering,
hope to those whose dreams lie shattered,**

new beginning **to those who are ready to give up,**
and may we recognize any part we might have played in the pain of others
and seek reconciliation and restoration.

. . . and move us to action.

(Silence)

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

Word of Wisdom, Word of Wonder

REGENT SQUARE

***Word of mercy, Word of healing, where the people cry in pain
fill the church with Christ's compassion; with your strength her hands sustain.
To a world still broken, send us! Make creation whole again!***

***Word empowering, Word still burning in your church, a living flame:
shine through all our work and witness as we serve in Jesus' name.***

Keep us faithful till all people sing your praise in glad acclaim!

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Don Besig & Nancy Price

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