

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

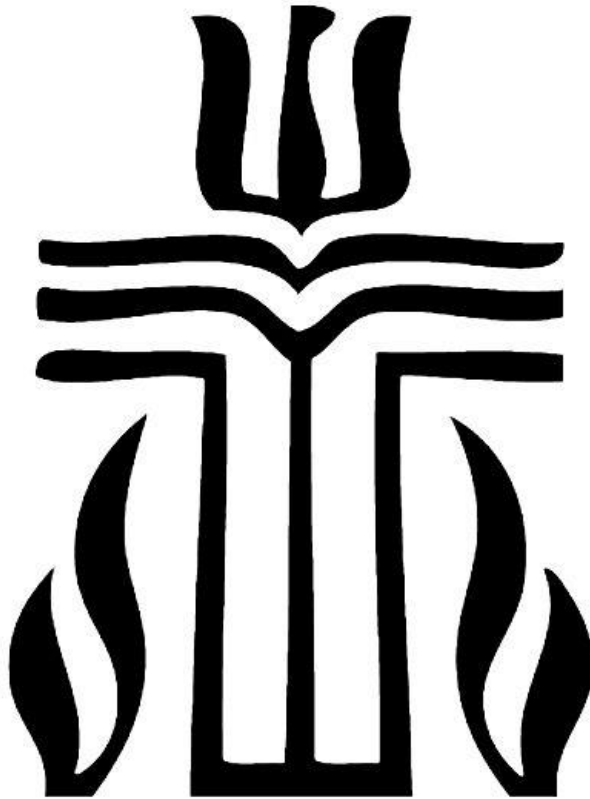
February 9, 2025

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

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Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Doxology - all to sing

No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: You call us, O Christ, to live as your disciples,

People: with new life, by way of new paths, seeking new ways.

Leader: In your call toward deep waters,

People: grant us faith.

Leader: In your command not to fear,

People: grant us courage.

Leader: In your invitation to follow,

People: grant us surrender.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of living as your disciples,

People: that we might travel with you in the way of miracle.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn “[Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty](#)”

*Call to Confession

Leader: Handing on to one another as of first importance what in turn has been received: that Christ died for our sins — We trust in the promise of the gospel as we make our confession. Unto the most holy One, we confide in God’s faithful and steadfast love for us. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best

efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Not even death can separate us from God's love. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*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.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Isaiah 6:1-8 \(NRSV\)](#)

Hymn (seated)

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[Luke 5:1-11 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon

"For A Catch"

of unclean lips

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "[Amazing Grace](#)"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Lectionary readings for February 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26