



**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Communion Sunday
February 4, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP.....~ www.ministrymatters.com

Welcome! Open your hearts to God’s love this day!

Praise be to God who has called us here!

Let the words wash over you and offer you healing and hope.

Praise be to God who continually blesses us!

Place your hope and trust in God!

With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually blesses and provides for us. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMNS..... "*We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations*".....#569 UMH

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION..... ~umcdiscipleship.org

How we long for that day when all creation will join the song, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! We thank you and praise you for your presence with us, here, now, to strengthen us for our walk and our work with you and one another. But we are so easily distracted from your goodness, the greatness of your power, and the depth of your love. So speak to us now through your word proclaimed to us, and focus our hearts on you. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING..... *Psalm 147:1-11, 20c*

SCRIPTURE..... Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

CHORAL ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S HYMN "*Jesus is All the World to Me*" (verse 1)UMH #469

CHILDREN’S TIME *Service*

SERMON *Healed to Serve*

TIME OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE..... **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (verses 1 & 3)**#526 UMH

INVITATION ~www.umcdiscipleship.org

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God.

CONFESSION..... ~www.ministrymatters.com

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the world and the creatures you have called us to tend. We have broken our covenants. We have lost our passion for your mission. We have ignored the needs of others. We have failed to love you and our neighbors in your creation as we have loved ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Give us the wisdom to focus on you and the courage to abide in your freedom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE

if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*◇ please see below*)

Our God 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING Worship Wall

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Everyone is welcome at the communion table in the United Methodist Church, whether you are a member of this church or any church. Juice is used in the cup. Please follow the directions for communion as given by the worship leader.

Please bring your offering with you as you come to Communion, the offering plates will be up front or. If you choose not to receive Communion, there will be an offering plate available as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you!

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* #2151 FWS

*BENEDICTION

Renewed by the power of Gods unconditional love and forgiveness;
strengthened by the witness of Jesus to be of service to others,
we go from this place rejoicing in the opportunities
to serve other's in Christ's name.

Go in peace, and may the peace of God always dwell within you. AMEN.

*POSTLUDE

*We welcome you as children of God.
We hope in this place you will experience God's love and grace.*

- * Indicates you are to stand as you are able in praise of God.
- There is also nursery care **for children under 5.**
- **There are large print hymnals available on the table in the Narthex (ask an usher).**
- The United States flag in our Sanctuary is in honor of those in our congregation who are serving or have served our country. It is also our prayer that our country continually strives to be a just and humane presence in our world. The flag reminds us to do all in our power to insure the rights of all persons.
- Our beginning ritual symbolizes the light of Christ, the flames of the Holy Spirit and the baptismal water signifying the unconditional love of God.
- *◇The Lord's Prayer: We are committed to being as inclusive as possible in our language. We begin the Lord's Prayer with "Our God," however, please use the name for God that makes you feel the most connected to God. Some are more comfortable with "Our Father," some with "Our Mother," etc. Integrity honors God, so use the name that is sincere for you.*