

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
BLANKET MONTH  
FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

**A PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*God, you play so many roles in our lives. You model creativity, guidance, humility, and servitude. Your love is woven within us and is in the fabric of all creation. You have a compassionate knowledge of each of us, and how we may become or return to the self and health you have in store for each of us. It is good to sing your praises, Holy One. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**SENTENCES OF ADORATION**

**OPENING HYMN: *BE STILL MY SOUL***

1 Be still, my soul! for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain: leave to your God to order and provide, in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul! your best, eternal Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul! for God will undertake to guide in future days as in the past. Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

3 Be still, my soul! the hour will soon be here when we shall be with God whom we adore, with disappointment gone, no grief or fear, sorrow replaced with joy forevermore. Be still my soul! when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Are you awake? Are you alert?

**Unison: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Pastor: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

**Unison: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Pastor: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

**Unison: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

**Unison: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.**

## REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

### **CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Dear healer of every heart, we seek wisdom, power, and strength to endure and return to whatever you have planned for our birth, life, and death. May we live as those who seek forgiveness in every breath, struggling against quick fixes or fleeting pleasures in favor of the joy that comes of knowing that you love us deeply. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21 – 31

New Testament: Mark 1:29 – 39

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *HELLO UNKNOWN*

*Darin Jellison*

**SERMON:** *Pace Yourself*

## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A *PILGRIM PEOPLE***

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,  
confessing him as Lord  
to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,  
the Head over all things,  
the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work  
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection  
and the final consummation of all things  
which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people,  
always on the way towards the promised goal;  
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,  
and we have the gift of the Spirit  
in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity  
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

bearing witness to that unity  
which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the church  
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.  
Together with all the people of God,  
we will serve the world for which Christ died,  
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Who among us has need of support and encouragement? We name those people aloud in the presence of loving community.

*Each quietly speaks a name or names.*

Pastor: Who are the strangers, orphans, and widows who have yet to be into our embrace? We name aloud the cities or situations we cannot engage personally, knowing God will bring us toward them when or if we can be of service.

*Each quietly speaks global concerns for people and places we do not know personally.*

Pastor: Holy God, we commend ourselves and all of creation to your care and your use. Please restore us to our full selves and purpose. Amen.

*Pause for private intercessions*

Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass.  
We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

**Unison: 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.**

## **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: DARE YOU TO MOVE** – Switchfoot

*Darin Jellison*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Unison: We offer ourselves and our resources to the care of community in this space and around the world, in the way St. Paul taught – as chameleons, as servants – adapting our hearts to show love to those who are unfamiliar to us. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### **CLOSING HYMN: SING PRAISE TO GOD, OUR HIGHEST GOOD**

1 Sing praise to God, our highest good, profound respect expressing.  
God gives us health, life, livelihood, with every need blessing.  
To God, who wondrous works performs, creating life and calming storms,  
to God give praise and glory!

2 Creation thanks you, Holy One: you made us and renew us.  
Delighted at what you have done, you show your greatness through us.  
So may all living things proclaim the wonders of their Maker's name;  
to God give praise and glory!

3 What God has made, God will preserve, with righteousness unfailing.  
Regardless what we may deserve, we see this good prevailing.  
To God who governs evermore with justice serving rich and poor,  
to God give praise and glory!

4 I cry to God, in pain and grief, "Please, God of mercy, hear me!"  
My certain help provides relief, faith, hope, and love to cheer me.  
So let me sing, joyful and free: ah, thankful Christians, sing with me:  
to God give praise and glory!

5 Forever with us, God is here, Nor ever will desert us.  
So dearly loved, we shall not fear: there's nothing that can hurt us.  
We place our trust in God's command, who leads us with a mother's hand:  
to God give praise and glory!

6 Dear Christian friends, we bear the name of Christ, our sure salvation.  
Let us recall Christ Jesus came, most holy incarnation,  
Came from the one God we adore, came with new life forevermore:  
to God give praise and glory!

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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Blessings!*