

The Season of Epiphany

5th Sunday after the Epiphany – Black History Month
February 6, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle in the name of the One who guides us into deep waters, who implores us to wade a little farther in, where God is at play, bringing us into good trouble.

We seek Christ's presence as we light this candle.

Call to Worship

We come to worship today determined to follow the Christ

Who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.

We come to worship with open hearts and minds
and a soul ablaze for justice and equality.

We come to meet God and each other.

Let us worship in love and understanding.

God of love, we come today celebrating Black History Month.

As we gather, we ask you to come to us now as your Son came to those first disciples on the lakeshore, calling them into a Beloved Community of love and justice. We pray for your Spirit's presence calling us to the same. Speak your peace and understanding to our hearts. Reveal yourself to us as we seek ways to sincerely worship together. May our celebration bring a new sense of unity, binding us together in your love, amen.

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

(Voices United 315, vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Words: Reginald Heber ca. 1820; alt.

Music John Bacchus Dykes 1861

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Scripture Readings

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Psalm 138 (*video presentation*)

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Fishing So Others Can Have a Meal (*video presentation*)

Reflection (Nancy)

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Calls Us (Voices United 562, vs. 1, 2 & 5)

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1852; alt.

Music: William Herbert Jude 1874

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

MLK Prayer for the Church (*video presentation*)

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky (More Voices 135)

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Refrain Called by earth and sky,
 promise of hope held high.
 This is our sacred living trust,
 treasure of life sanctified,
 called by earth and sky.

1 Precious these waters,
 endless seas,
 deep ocean's dream,
 waters of healing,
 rivers of rain,
 the wash of love again. *Refrain*

2 Precious this gift,
 the air we breathe;
 wind born and free.
 Breath of the Spirit,
 blow through this place,
 our gathering and our grace. *Refrain*

3 Precious these mountains,
 ancient sands;
 vast fragile land.
 Seeds of our waking,
 rooted and strong,
 Creation's faithful song. *Refrain*

4 Precious the fire
 that lights our way,
 bright dawning day.
 Fire of passion,
 sorrows undone,
 our faith and justice one. *Refrain*

Benediction

Go now, to seek a place in a Beloved Community,
where all people are known and acknowledged,
where partners and allies can be found,
where all people work toward love, fairness, and understanding.
Go with the hope of Jesus, and Martin Luther King,
that this community is possible and all it needs is you.

Go with celebration in your hearts.

Go now in peace. Amen.

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Nancy Walker and Bill Cantelon

Music Leader – Lynn Dennis

Vocalists – Sam Boehner, Peggy Dayton,

Jo-Ann Hopkins and Alan Priestley

Musicians – Stephen Godfrey and John Hobbs

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reading – Bill Walker

Technical Support – Louise Johnston and Ron Norman

Today's prayers were written by Rev. Charmain Bailey

Flowers for the service are offered by Jean Hazemi

in celebration of the life of her sister, Irene.