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# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## ***FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

February 7, 2021



*Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law, Rembrandt, 1606-1669*

C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
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Carol Tomasko, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*“The first step on the journey of faith is to recognize that everything is moving onward to something else, inside us and outside... the next step is not the last step, what life was is not what it is now, and certainly not what it might yet be.” ~ Sharon Salzberg*

# GATHERING

## GATHERING PRAYER

### PRELUDE

“Trio Sonata in Ev.: I.”

(BMV 525)

by J.S. Bach

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 147)*

Carol Tomasko

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**God’s understanding is beyond measure.**

Come, let us worship God.

### HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

GTG #12

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, set to a Welsh folk melody; ST. DENIO

## POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation amid a global pandemic, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when in fact you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might mount up with wings like eagles. Amen.**

*[Time of silent confession.]*

### RESPONSE

“Kyrie Eleison”

arr. C.J. Briggs

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the gospel: We are forgiven and empowered by God’s Spirit to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW BIBLE**                      *Isaiah 40:21-31*                      (CEB)

**GOSPEL**                              *Mark 1:29-39*                      (CEB)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                              *Walking with God*                      Rev. David B. Wigger

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that  
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the  
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **OFFERING**

### **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our praise.**

...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**COMMUNION**      “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”      GTG #327

Words by Isaac Watts and a Pocket Hymn Book

Music from Geistliche Kirchengesang; LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*There is an outer seal accessing the wafer and an inner seal accessing the juice.*

## SENDING

**HYMN**      “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”      GTG #834

Words and arr. by Thomas Dorsey; Music by George N. Allen

**BENEDICTION** (*from Isaiah 40*)

**POSTLUDE**      “Festal Postlude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

by William Faulkes

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