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Bulletin

February 6, 2011 “5th Sunday after the Epiphany” 10:30 am

God’s Call and Our Commitment:
To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.

We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.

SILENT MEDITATION

“Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again.” –Sarah Ban Breathnach

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Larghetto” (Vivaldi)

-Carol Graham

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

INTROIT

“Jesus We Are Here”

-Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather, let us listen for God’s direction in ways of justice and mercy.

People: Where do we find the oppressed?

Leader: We find them in homeless shelters and soup kitchens, in “safe houses” provided for protection from domestic violence, in hideouts created by human traffickers.

People: Where is justice needed?

Leader: It is needed in our homes, on our streets, in our courtrooms, in our city halls and in our state and national capitols.

People: How can we recognize the beauty of God’s presence?

Leader: We find beauty in art and music, in our gardens and parks, in beloved objects, and on the faces and in the hearts of those we love.

All: Let us respond to God’s call of being the beautiful people God created us to be.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

-UMH 92

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You have called us to shine Your light in our world and to be the salt of the earth. We confess that we often feel inadequate for this calling. We are consumed with our own worries and busy with our own lives. We think we don’t have the energy or understanding to do anything else. Forgive us for our negative thoughts, Lord. Let us lay our burdens at Your feet so that we might concentrate on Your will for us. Help us to restore beauty where we find the ugliness of doubt, fear, injustice and oppression. Guide us, we pray, as we take Your hand to walk with You in the splendor of creation. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE



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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

-Beth Brainerd Hallock

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (NRSV)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"How Lovely are the Messengers" (Mendelssohn)

-Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

"Restoring Beauty"

-Rev. George Hooper

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (Jordan)

-Carol Graham

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

-UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please join in “A Service of Word and Table III” in the hymnal, pages 15-16. The United Methodist Church practices an open table for Holy Communion. You need not be a member of this or any church to come forward for the bread and cup. God’s grace is free to all.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

Songs During Communion

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| “ <i>Jesu, Jesu</i> ” | -UMH 432 |
| “ <i>Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet</i> ” | -UMH 601 |
| (A favorite hymn of Elese Newman and Diana Biggs.) | |
| “ <i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> ” | -UMH 376 |

The Prayer After Receiving

GOING FORTH

APPLYING THE WORD - *Sharing ways to respond to God's work in our lives through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.*

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** “*Be Still My Soul*” -UMH 534
(A favorite hymn of Louise Foster and Dakota Koenig.)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “*Toccata in F*” (*Buxtehude*) -Carol Graham

Note: Call to Worship written by Lyn Berry.

*Flowers are given by Marvin and Marlene Philippi
in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.*



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