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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Pursue the Good: Give Help

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

by Bradbury

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Why have you come to this place?

P: We have come to find Jesus.

L: Why have you come today?

P: We are tired in body and spirit.

L: Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

P: We are hungry with nothing to eat.

L: Come and eat your fill.

P: But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

L: There is plenty for all.

P: Will we find wholeness here?

L: Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of our hopes and dreams,

P: we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand. Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 519** (BH, see p. 4)

Standing in the Need of Prayer

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God of abundance, forgive us when we deny others your daily bread out of fear that there won't be enough to go around. Forgive us when we see those in need of being encouraged and built up but turn away afraid that we are ill-equipped to offer our help. Forgive us when we forget that it is you who has prepared us to serve. And empower us to do better and trust fully that you have equipped us for the moments of service that you call us to; and that you have provided more than enough for the pursuit of your goodness in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (BH, v. 2 & refrain, see p. 5) *Jesus the Light of the World*

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **SUNDAY SONGS**

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15

John 6: 1-15

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 332 (BH, see p. 6)

As We Gather at Your Table

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION²

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

THE MEAL
*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

***HYMN NO. 347** (BH, see p. 7)
***BENEDICTION**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

POSTLUDE

Jubilation

by Handel

Thank you to Denny Daugherty, Jim Firestone, & Ron Miles for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Brenda Beyer for reading Scripture this morning. Thank you to Brenda Beyer & Debbie Butcher for serving on the praise team. Thank you to Carol Bair, Dave Strine, Elaine Bevivino, Robin Schriver, & Tammy Gordon for serving on the welcome team.

¹ The Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day were adapted from The Abbington Worship Annual (2009) and accessed on January 31, 2022.

² The Invitation to Communion was written by Katherine Hawker, on Liturgy Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/> and accessed on January 31, 2022

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*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's me, O God,
2. Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con but it's me, O God,
3. Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's me, O God,
4. Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,

4

stand-ing in the need of	prayer;	Not my	broth-er,	nor my	sis-ter	but it's
stand-ing in the need of	prayer;	Not the	preach-er,	nor the	dea-con	but it's
stand-ing in the need of	prayer;	Not my	fath-er,	nor my	moth-er,	but it's
stand-ing in the need of	prayer;	Not the	strang-er,	nor my	neigh-bor,	but it's

7

me, O	God,	stand-ing in the need of	prayer.	It's	me,	it's
me, O	God,	stand-ing in the need of	prayer.			
me, O	God,	stand-ing in the need of	prayer.			
me, O	God,	stand-ing in the need of	prayer.			

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me, O	God,	stand-ing in the need of	prayer;	It's	me,	it's
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me, O	God,	stand-ing in the need of	prayer.
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Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano 

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8 

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain* 

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22 

dew - drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

29 

Je - sus the light of the world.

As We Gather at Your Table

Carl P. Daw, 1989; Jack Schrader

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. As we gather - er at your ta - ble, as we
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er

4

lis - ten to your word, help us know, O God, you
sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and
guests to share that feast where tri - um - phant Love will

7

pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour-ish
serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
wel - come those who had been last and least. There no

10

us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our
Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -
more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de -

13

own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to
- gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the
- stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re -

16

make Love's vic - tory known.
world you died to save.
- peat the the sound - ing joy.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Adapt. Doreen Potter

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

4



shout of joy: bread is brok - en, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and
set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el)

8



seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain,
deed ex - press.
ev - ery - where!

11



pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound! Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain,

15



pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!