Bulletin

February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Communion (on-line worship service)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRELUDE
“Offertoire Sur Les Grands Jeux” François Couperin

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: In the beginning life came into being…
Many: Because a loving God willed it so.
One: In the end a peace that passes all understanding is promised.
Many: Because the Savior has come and risen indeed.
One: In this hour the Spirit speaks to all with ears to hear.
Many: We gather now to love, learn, and lean into the holy.
ALL: This is the time for worship.

HYMN
“O Lord My God” (#625)
(“How Great Thou Art”)
Music: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949
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O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Luke Weber
Most holy and gracious God we have heard your child command us to follow and not be afraid. So often we do not move from the broken familiar, and we are immobilized by our worry. Forgive us, we pray, our inaction and fear. Grant us, we pray, courage and joy to rise up into your presence. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONFESSION OF FAITH
(Presbyterian Church Brief Statement of Faith lines 1-6)

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ORGAN MEDITATION
“Kyrie” François Couperin

SCRIPTURE READING
Eleanor Stearns

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

SERMON                                            “Where We Begin”          Rev. Colin Pritchard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

COMMUNION HYMN              “Let Us Break Bread Together”  #525
Text: African American spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)
Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south and from east and west
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened,
And they recognized him.

This is the Lord’s Table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.

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.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION
May the peace of the Lord go with you, wherever he may send you. May she guide you through the wilderness and protect you from the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May she bring you home rejoicing, once again into these doors. The peace of the Lord be with you. The peace of the Lord go with you.

POSTLUDE “Second Kyrie” André Raison