

# The Worship of God

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

### THE GATHERING

In Christian worship, we are gathered in from other attachments in life to be members of this distinct group: the Church of Jesus Christ.

Gathering and Passing of the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Chimes

We are called to worship today by three chimes:  
one to awaken us to the presence of God,  
one to call us to hear the voice of Christ,  
and one to center us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.  
Come, let us worship together.

Prelude

arr. Eithun

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Joyful Ringers

\*Hymn of Praise 295

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*Invocation

Beth C. Parker

Litany of Invitation and Confession (Isa. 58; 2 Col 13)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

Mighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment,  
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.

**We have worshiped you with our lips,  
but have dishonored you with our actions.**

We have prayed for you to end suffering in our work,  
but we have not practiced compassion and generosity.

**Our religion has become a source of quarreling  
rather than a testimony of your grace.**

Forgive us our self-righteousness.

**Forgive us that we may be salt and light in this world.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (Luke 10)

After Jesus told the legal expert  
the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asked:  
“Which one of these three was a neighbor?”

**The legal expert says, “The one who demonstrated mercy.”**

And Jesus said: “Go, and do likewise.”

When we do that, we receive God’s grace abundantly.

**May it be so. Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end! Amen, amen.*

### THE SCRIPTURE

The Church is gathered around God’s Great Story in Jesus Christ. The  
reading of Scripture is the centerpiece of our worship together.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9

Zach Bay

Call to Prayer 96

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
*Sanctuary Choir*

HOUSTON

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Zach Bay

Response to Prayer

*Morning Sunrise*  
Joyful Ringers

Mazzatenta

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

Beth C. Parker

### THE RESPONSE

God became flesh and dwelt with us in our material world. We respond  
with our material things, asking God to make them gifts of grace for all.

\*Hymn of Stewardship 490

HENDON

*Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated*

\*Prayer of Stewardship

Gifts of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation

*Fanfare*  
Joyful Ringers

Dobrinski

\*Response of the People 706

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*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here*  
*below! Praise him above the heavenly host!*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture is not a passive, inanimate thing. It is meant to speak, to  
transform. In the Anthem and Sermon, we proclaim the Good News.

Anthem

*You are the Salt and Light*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Joyful Ringers

Choplin

Sermon

“Salt and Light”

Zach Bay

Discipline of Silence

### THE COMMISSION

Having worshiped together this hour, we stand strengthened and  
renewed, and commissioned to go serve the world with Christ’s love.

\*Hymn of Opportunity 256

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*We Are People of God’s Peace*

\*Recognition of Commitments

\*Benediction

Zach Bay

\*Postlude

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Organ

\*Please stand as you are able.

Bonnie Daniels, piano Janet Matthews, organ  
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## Upcoming Church Events Calendar

### Today's Activities

#### Sunday, February 9

- 8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### This Week's Activities

#### Monday, February 10

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel

#### Tuesday, February 11

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class  
12:00 p.m. Praying the Psalms in the Prayer Room  
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 12

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel  
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi in the Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, February 13

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class  
5:00 p.m. CCM Community Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Koinonia Women's Group

### In the Weeks Ahead

#### Monday, February 17

Church Office Closed

#### Monday, February 24

Newsletter Submissions Due

#### Wednesday, February 26

- 11:00 a.m. Newsletter Folding Group  
6:30 p.m. Morality and Mortality:  
An Ash Wednesday Service

## Quiltfest

Crater Quilters invites you to join us for a trip to Quiltfest in Pigeon Forge on Saturday, March 7.

Quiltfest is the area's largest quilt show.  
We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m.  
and return between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Transportation cost is \$15 per person, to be paid to Betty Nagle by February 17.

## Christmas Ornament Pickup

If you have not retrieved your Christmas ornament from the box in the foyer, please do so today. Leftover ornaments will be put into storage or disposed of later this week.

### Statistics for February 2, 2020

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Weekly Budget            | \$6,063.00 |
| Total Offerings          | \$5,305.00 |
| Worship Attendance       | 87         |
| Sunday School Attendance | 44         |

### Church Staff

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Rev. Zachary L. Bay          | Pastor                 |
| Beth C. Parker               | Minister of Music      |
| Elizabeth Lowden             | Office Administrator   |
| Billy Hunter                 | Facilities Manager     |
| Cherry Stamper               | Child Care Coordinator |
| Phillip Akers                | Media Coordinator      |
| Robbie Brumbach              | Media Associate        |
| Derek Barnett                | Media Associate        |
| Janet Matthews               | Organist               |
| Teresa Brown                 | Pianist                |
| Bonnie Daniels               | Pianist                |
| Rev. John E. Pennington, Jr. | Pastor Emeritus        |

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### THE PREPARATION

At the outset of our time of worship together, we pause from our busyness and ponder good words that prepare our minds and hearts.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

-Desmond Tutu