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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"

- Elmore

OPENING HYMN "Praise Thou the Lord"

Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, now praise Him.
His praise continue until death;
While I the pathways of earth am treading
God shall be praised with every breath.
My soul and body He did give,
And waits my praise from morn till eve,
O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord!

Praise, O ye people, the Name most glorious
Of Him who reigns Almighty King:
Let all unite in one holy chorus
To God our hymns of joy to bring.
O Zion, with the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP

How can we keep from singing?
How can we keep silent when we truly know the awesome power, mercy, and love of God?

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty and Loving God, inspire us this day: to turn our praise into action, to share your good news with those who long to hear a word of hope, to proclaim your message of peace and justice throughout the world. Praise to you! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Psalm 137 selections
Isaiah 46

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

- Soloist: Roger Hager; Pianist: Gary

Sanders

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

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.

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:10a "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts..."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Aria" from 12th Concerto

- Handel

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Send o'er the world Thy holy light.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Look Up My Soul"

- Elmore

(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.