

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Worship Service – February 7, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Year B

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer*

Almighty God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son, and join with the apostles and prophets as heralds of your good news. Give us a glimpse this morning, of your kingdom that has come near in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1, 10-11, 20

Praise the LORD! How Good it is to sing praises to our God;

For the LORD is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord's delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the Lord!

Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Glory to God Hymnal, # 182

Confession

Isaiah 40:21-23

"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...who stretches out the heavens like a curtain...who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing..."

O God, our creator, sustainer, and redeemer, we confess our sin to you. We have valued the spectacle of your work, but neglected its call to discipleship. We have divided the world into sacred and secular, but you have come to redeem and heal it all. When we serve others in your name, we have done so thinking we know best what is needed, but ignored the voices of those we have sought to serve.

But Lord, you are the Great Physician, and there is healing to be found in your kingdom. We have known, and we have heard; so heal us, Lord, that we may remember.

(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

Isaiah 40:28-31

"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...he gives power to the faith and strengthens the

powerless...those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength...they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

Hymn

Hope of the World
Glory to God Hymnal, #734

Offering and Doxology

1 Corinthians 9:19, 23

"For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a servant to all, so that I might win more of them...I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You have created all things, and continue to sustain them. And forming us in your image, setting us in this world, we have been created and called to love and serve you, and love and serve others. Yet we have rebelled against you. But you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. Sending prophets to call us back to you.

And then in the fullness of time, you sent your Son to be one of us, and yet also embodying the Good News that your kingdom has come near to heal and redeem not just us, but all that you have made.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, fully God, and fully human – the very Word made flesh.

He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, cast out demons, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, and broke bread with outcasts and sinners, all the while proclaiming the good news of the kingdom-come-near.

Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over all things of sin and death. And seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

And so remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service, that we may proclaim the good news of this mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with him and with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

And so we pray for the world. We acknowledge the realities of this continuing pandemic, that weigh so heavy upon us, upon our children, upon our nation, and

indeed the entire world. We pray for healing. And strength for those of us grown weary, courage for those of us prone to despair, and grace for all.

Lord we pray for our leaders, and the leaders of all nations. We pray for the poor, and the lonely.

We pray for those who are persecuted, or oppressed by injustice. And where we are feverish and sick with prejudice and idolatry, Lord heal us. Heal us that we may become instruments of your peace, your justice, and your righteousness.

We pray now for those whose names are known to us...for those mourning the death of a loved one...for those in need of healing...for all who are separated from family and friends in this time...

Lord, we offer these prayers to you – you who heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds and you who determines the number of the stars...for you do not faint or grow weary, but gives power to the faith and strengthens the powerless...we trust in this, Lord. May these prayers on our lips guide our hands and feet. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

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.

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The Breaking of Bread and Communion of God's People

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
Glory to God Hymnal, # 761

Charge and Benediction

Let us go to serve and minister to all in the name of the One who has come to serve and minister to all, that we may all be healed by him.

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. Amen.