

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 5, 2017 11:00 A.M.
Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE "Catabile" Cesar Franck

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to this place:
where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

**People: Welcome to this place, we gather as God's children:
where we find God's love,
where we hear the voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit instills new life.**

Leader: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:
where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "God is Here" No. 660

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)
***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN "Fill My Cup, Lord" No. 641

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

CHORAL ANTHEM "O Come, Let Us Worship" Felix Mendelssohn
Larry Winegar, tenor soloist

Oh come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord, and bow down to him, the Lord our maker, and bow down to him, and kneel before the Lord. For he is our God, and we are the flock of his pasture, and the people of his hand.

PRAYER FOR THE READING OF THE WORD

Great God, fill our hearts with gladness for the scriptures, for the teachings that have been passed down to us. Fill our minds with questions so that we can challenge the ways of the world and think differently (*cont'd*)

so that we can follow you with full hearts. Fill our lives with the presence of one another, that we may know our neighbors and love them as ourselves. Help us to think differently, to love deeply, and to live in peace with one another, caring for those in need as our brother and sister. In the name of Jesus the Christ, our Brother, our Friend, and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7: 1-5

(NT p. 6)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Half Truths: "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin."

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

"All Who Hunger"

No. 2126

Litany for Communion:

Leader: Dear God, You invite us to come and eat at this table that has been prepared for us – food and drink; reminders of deeper nourishment and the blessing of fellowship.

People: You bid us come as we are, but also to come expecting who we may become.

Leader: You call us to let go of our judgmental thoughts and any sense of superiority.

People: You call us to come as children, willing to love and be loved without prejudice.

Leader: You want us to let it all go – to leave behind all our "right" answers and the "right" we have to judge others.

People: Lord, with the faith that we have, we toss any prejudice aside that we may come to your banquet to find peace within ourselves and unity with our neighbor.

Leader: May this bread and cup inspire us to imitate Jesus' choice to lay down everything, even his life, to hold your love and welcome out to all.

All: May this communion fill us with your Spirit, and with your joy. Make us one body, one light, one united witness. To the glory of your name we ask it. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Doxology

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

No. 2241

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

John Ellerton

*POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello