

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPANY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012  
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**+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**L = Leader**

**C=Congregation**

**\* = Please stand, as you are able**

*Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here! If you are interested in joining Our Saviour's, please speak to Pastor Maurice after service or call the office during the week (715-536-5813).*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

**\*WE GATHER AND OFFER PRAISE**

- L We gather in the name of the God who made us out of dust, the God who picks us up out of the dust of our lives to love us and forgive us.
- C We give thanks to God for knowing us through and through, for loving us, even when we were as good as dead, and for lifting us up to live for others.**
- L God hears the cry of the needy, and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;
- C While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, God came to us**
- L Jesus lived among us, died our death, and rose to lead us into life. And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love our thanksgiving and praise.
- C God is worthy! Let us praise our God.**

**\*OPENING SONG**

**Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

*(sung twice)*

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy**

*(repeat entire song)*

*(sung four times)*

**Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You**

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**\*WE CONFESS OUR SHORTCOMINGS**

- L Compassionate Christ, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, by giving yourself to us and for us, in your death and resurrection. Yet we are slow to love and to serve, we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; We fail to give ourselves, and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort and our privilege.
- C Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion, following your example.**

Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;

mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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**\*WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS:**

- L Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to you. Your sins are forgiven. God's love still supports you. Receive this grace, and share it with others.
- C **We are so grateful; we will go and live differently because of what you, Jesus, have done for us.**

**GOD SPEAKS - WE LISTEN**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:21–31**

L A reading from Isaiah, the 40th chapter

<sup>21</sup>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?

<sup>22</sup>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;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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"?

<sup>28</sup>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.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147:1–11, 20c**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
 there is no limit to God's wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
 but casts the wicked to the ground.**  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
 make music upon the harp to our God,  
<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds  
 and prepares rain for the earth,  
 making grass to grow upon the mountains.**  
<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
 and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
 and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
 in those who await God's steadfast love.<sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16–23**

L A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 9th chapter

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: Mark 1:29–39**

L The holy gospel according to St Mark, the 1st chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

<sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**WE SING**

**This Little Light Of Mine**

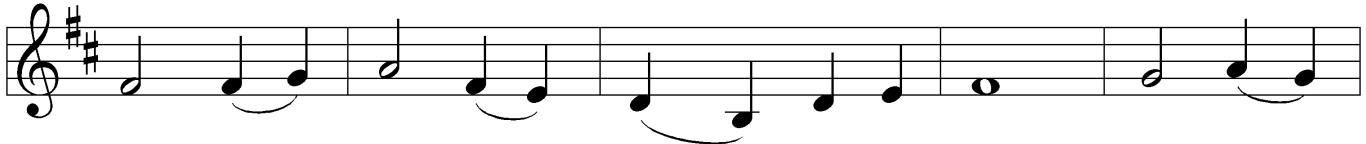
**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Maurice Schaus**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Maurice Schaus**



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and



righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM PRESENTATION

L God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

L I present *Mason William Scott Forehand* for baptism.

L *Mason William Scott Forehand*, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Mason (M) I do.

L As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *your child* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

L Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parent (P) I do.

L Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this person* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors (S) I do.

L People of God, do you promise to support *name/s* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

L I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.  
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

M,P,S I renounce them.

L Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

M,P,S I renounce them.

L Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

M,P,S I renounce them.

L Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

L Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

L Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

L *Mason William Scott Forehand, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*

*The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

L *and of the Son,*

*The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

L *and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C Amen.**

L *Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.*

*The presiding minister continues:*

L *Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.*

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

L *Sustain Mason William Scott Forehand with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*

**C Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

L *Mason William Scott Forehand, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**C Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

L *Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

L *Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **\*WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

L *God, our world desperately needs your compassion and grace:*

**C We are at war and need to learn peace and understanding,**

L *We are greedy and selfish and need to learn to serve and to share the abundance of your world,*

**C We are impatient and careless and need to learn to use this world's resources wisely and sustainably,**

L *We are callous and judgmental and need to learn to care for others*

**C And we are among those who are sick, grieving, lonely, broken and wounded.**

L *Let us pray now for our brothers and sisters in need, who we name silently or aloud in this time of prayer.*

*Hear our prayers, Lord, and answer.*

**C Teach us to live as those who give and receive compassion, even as you have been compassionate toward us. Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

L *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C And also with you.**

**OFFERING:** *Your offering today helps to make a difference in lives around the world. Your offering supports the missions of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We thank God for your generosity.* **7**



We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our



hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.



All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we



give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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+ + + COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER + + +

**\*We Come To God's Table**

L God has welcomed us to this table, and we are grateful. We celebrate all the ways that God cares for us and shows us love. It is good to be reminded of God's compassion and generosity,

**C And it is good to respond with thanksgiving, with praise, and with generous living.**

L Lord God, we are here because you have made it possible, you made us to be your children, in your image. You have always surrounded us with your presence, and in Christ you have shared all that makes us human. In bringing Jesus back from death, you have made full and everlasting life available to us, and you have given us hope in the promise of your coming kingdom.

**C We have done nothing to earn these gifts, we cannot claim to be deserving, but in your mercy, you welcome us freely. Thank you.**

L And so, we remember how God's compassion was expressed through Jesus: As he shared his last meal with his friends before his death, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it among them with these words: This is my body, broken for you. Eat and remember me.

After the meal, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and shared it among them with these words:

This is my blood, poured out for you. Drink and remember me.

And so we eat and drink and remember; And we will keep doing this until Jesus returns in glory.

Now, O God, may we who share this bread and wine, be nourished by the body and blood of Christ. Fill us with your spirit. Bring us together into one body. And join us with you forever.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER—*Sung Responsively***

THE DISTRIBUTION  
DISTRIBUTION SONGS

(sung repeatedly)

Give Thanks

WP 41



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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+ + + WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING + + +

**\*We Go Out To Live Compassionately**

- L Thank you, God, for this meal, and for the way it feeds our souls, changes our hearts, and unites us with you.
- C **We go now to live as followers of Christ, as people of compassion, as those who seek to serve and heal the world.**
- L And now may God's presence, God's love, and God's favor go with us, and remain with us always.
- C **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

**We Are Called**

WP 147



1 Come! Live in the light!  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

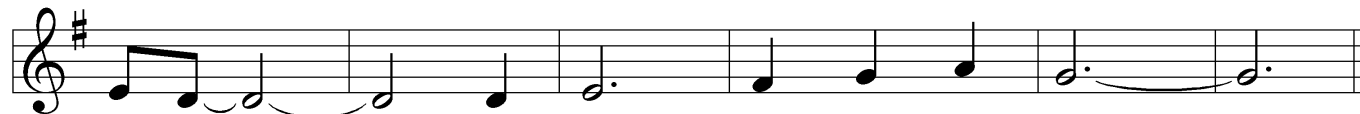
*Refrain*



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas  
 Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

**\*DISMISSAL**

- L Go now, with courage from our God. Declare the message of God's great love for us, in word and in deed. Let the world know that you belong to God, and that God wants to live in them too. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC**

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**RESTROOMS**...are located in the hallway between the staircase and the narthex. There are changing tables in these bathrooms.

**WORSHIP HELPS**...include hearing assist devices and large print bulletins. Please see an usher to use them. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, the communion servers would be glad to come to you in your pew. Please let an usher know you would prefer this.

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**...at 9:15 in the Lounge each Sunday morning. Everyone is invited!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for ages 3 through 103 takes place at 9:15 AM each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CHURCH OFFICE**...hours are 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. You can contact us at 715-536-5813, fax us at 715-536-3658, or email us at [office@oslcelca.org](mailto:office@oslcelca.org).

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ELCA Vision Statement

**Claimed** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living Word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

**Gathered** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word, and share Christ's supper;

**Sent** by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.