



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



February 6, 2022

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Gathering Thoughts

"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings." -Psalm 36:7

"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows.
For love is the beauty of the soul." -Augustine.

"Intense love does not measure, it just gives." -Mother Teresa

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."
-Martin Luther King Jr.

"You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving."
-Amy Carmichael

Welcome!

Prelude

Words of Invitation

Terrie Sanderson

In mystery and love the Almighty calls us along our spiritual journey.

Jesus says, "Follow me. Become more like me."

The Holy Spirit empowers us to love our neighbors and ourselves.

We move into the future with confidence, because God goes with us.

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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Scripture: First Thessalonians 2:1-8

Karla Long

Message: "Perfect Love"

Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen

Prayer

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 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.

Song: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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Prayer for Holy Communion

You are invited to the Lord's Supper, for you are loved by God. Receive this spiritual meal God freely provides for all.

God of Love, we are filled with thankfulness, because in your great love you did not abandon us in the dark and fearful places of this world. In Jesus you came to us to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

All who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and feel unsafe, all who are sick and broken, can find new life in you, Holy God.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us his love: On the evening before he died, he had supper with his friends. During the meal, he took the bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and then passed it around with these words:

This is my body broken for you. Eat this and remember me.

After the meal Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it and then passed it around with these words:

This is my blood shed for you. Drink this and remember me.

And now, every time we eat bread like this, and every time we drink juice like this, we remember Jesus, and his everlasting love.

Merciful God, send the power of your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and drink and upon us. Through these gifts may we receive the presence of the living Christ, and be one body in him.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

This is the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Take, eat and drink....

Song: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter
& Eric McKirdy

Closing Blessing

Postlude



~ The February issue of the Tower Notes, the church newsletter, is in the entryway. It contains a list of baked goods that can be ordered from the United Methodist Women. Orders are due today.

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