

WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021
10:30 A.M.



Prelude and the Lighting of the Christ Candle

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” Wesley

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Dan Schumacher

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (NRSV) Paul Petta

Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
His 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!

Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer Pastor Katie Hambrick

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.

Musical Offering “Ever Be” Bethel Music

Scripture Reading Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV) Lilly Martinez

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. 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. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” 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.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon “That We Might Not Misunderstand” Rev. Dan Schumacher

Musical Offering “Nothing But the Blood” arr. Shazia Ali

Communion Rev. Dan Schumacher and Pastor Katie Hambrick

Benediction Rev. Dan Schumacher

“While our worship is now ending,
our service in and to the world is about to begin again.
As you go, remember: it is by the goodness of God
that you have been brought into this world;
it is by the grace of God
that you have been kept all the day long, even unto this hour;
and it is by the mercy of God,
fully revealed in the face of Jesus Christ,
that you are being redeemed.”

Amen. — *John Claypool*

Postlude “Bless Be The Tie” arr. Shazia Ali

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SABBATICAL FORUM: TODAY AT 1:30 PM

After the announcement that Pastor Dan would be taking a three month sabbatical in the summer of 2022, a document outlining the sabbatical was provided. As part of the process, Pastor Dan invited you to read through it, generate questions, and make plans to attend the sabbatical forums via Zoom. Meeting links are provided the day of. After today's forum only one more will be held Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 PM.

IHN HOST WEEK THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who donated funds and the volunteers who gave their time this past week to ensure that the four Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families received dinner each night.

ASH WEDNESDAY: *Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes and Online Service*

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is set aside in the Christian year as a moment to reflect on the idea that "from dust we have come, and to dust we will return." On February 17 we will observe Ash Wednesday in a hybrid fashion. FBC will offer the imposition of ashes in the parking lot (drive-thru) three times for you. Before work: 6:30-8:00 AM During lunch: Noon-1:00 PM After work: 4:30-6:00 PM An online Ash Wednesday Meditation will also be provided.

PRAYER UPDATES

Gretchen Sportsman, as she began chemotherapy treatment on Feb. 1

Sympathies to the **Miskel family** in the death of their son-in-law/brother-in-law, Vic, on Feb. 1.

Dave Maddaford as he recovers from knee surgery

Our prayers of comfort and sympathy go out to the members of **Highland Park Baptist Church**, as it has decided to close its doors permanently.

Ketly Pierre, as she continues to undergo testing

Claire Brodeur, as she continues her chemotherapy and radiation treatment

Feb. 21: In-Person Worship and Family Programming

The Old Testament scripture passages from the lectionary for Lent are filled with moments when God made extravagant promises to God's people. On Sunday, Feb. 21, we will celebrate one such promise -- the moment when God hung the "bow" in the sky, signaling a new day for God's people (Gen. 9:8-17). It's a fitting passage for us as we reconvene in-person worship and look to a new day!

Please watch for further information (e.g., reminders on how to keep each other safe), but we hope you'll mark your calendars and begin praying now for our first Sunday back in-person!

Doors open: 10:10 AM

Worship: 10:30-11:15 AM

Programming:

- Children (K-5th grade) will meet in the Godly Play Room.
- Youth (6th-12th grade) will meet in the youth area.
- Parents will meet in the Hurlburt Room.

***If you're not quite ready for in-person gatherings, we will offer a livestream of the service.*

