

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Faith church activities
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Relationship
embrace nurturing
Everyone
Purposeful

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: By this I have known the presence of the Lord:
Many: **in the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,**
One: in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,
Many: **in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.**
One: By this I have known the power of the Lord:
Many: **in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,**
One: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,
Many: **in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!
All: **Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!**

HYMN# 686 *God of Our Life*

*God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

PSALM

ISAIAH 40:21-31

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,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

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.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
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.

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”?
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.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, God, are known for your wonderful deeds— your mercy, forgiveness, and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. And yet, we are slow to comprehend; we refuse to acknowledge your gifts; we act self-sufficient, as if we provide ourselves everything we need, when we know in our hearts that you are the author of life. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our sins, in thought, word or deed, may your redemptive presence flood our lives that we may praise your name forevermore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God offers redemption and forgiveness to people of every generation, making new life possible for everyone. Believe in the gospel, and be healed! In Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Belong Here*

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

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 sunset, 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. Then 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.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Called to Serve

Rev. Lance Perry

HYMN # 306

Bless Be the Tie that Binds

verses 1, 4, & 5

***Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.***

***When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.***

***From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread, and wine. In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise....

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING SONG # 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

Refrain:

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*** (Refrain)

***We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*** (Refrain)

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*** (Refrain)

CHARGE

Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power. Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength. Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

BENEDICTION

And may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Bless Be the Tie that Binds

Indelible Grace

Thank you to Mark Evans for serving as our liturgist, and to Mona Dowell, Patty Pace, and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship video.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Mac McCrackan, who fell and broke hip. He is in Rex Hospital.

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay
Charolette Brown
Dan Grassi
Inez Ruchte
Donna Nichols
Peggy McNeill
Iris Morris

Rachel Williams
Libby Morton
Aleta Wheeler
Jeane Nagel
Andrew Scharfe
Isla Brown

Sandra Richbourg
Dick Grassi
Barbara Settlemyre
Joe Moody
Dave Smith
Jack Boyd

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner,
& niece Eloise Lindsay
Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend
Paul Hutter & family
Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne
Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois
Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son
Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy
Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.