

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2022

10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning

Andy Potts

~ Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1993)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, all who are weighed down by troubles
and discouraged by the world's chaos:
come and take refuge in Jesus.

He is the Shepherd of our souls,
the Healer of our every ill,
the Giver of life abundant.

Come, take refuge in Jesus:
Cast your burdens upon Him
and be renewed by His Spirit.

Introit

Steal Away to Jesus

Chancel Singers

arr. Bill Myers

Opening Prayer

God of steadfast love, You wondrously made us in Your image - a people created by Love, for love. Yet, our souls bear scars left by others, by the losses we have experienced, and by our own sinful choices. As we spend time in Your presence, bring healing to our souls. Renew Your image in us, and make us whole, so that we may love selflessly and extravagantly - the way You have loved us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Great Physician. Amen.

Opening Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

UMH#375

African-American Spiritual | arr. William Farley Smith

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Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul

Verse 1

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend
And if you look for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul
Just tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all

Refrain

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A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

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Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 8:21-22

²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
²² Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

Anthem

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Chancel Singers

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:2-8

² And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." ³ Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴ But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? ⁶ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." ⁷ And he stood up and went to his home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving and Communion

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Balm in Gilead

Andy Potts

~Charles Callahan

Holy Communion

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.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun; O Lord, have mercy on me

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun; O Lord, have mercy on me

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Come forward to receive Communion and take it back to your seat—we will receive together

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun; O Lord, have mercy on me

Prayer After Communion

Closing Song

Do, Lord, Remember Me

UMH# 527

(vv. 1-3, 5)

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Verse 1

Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me; Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me
Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me; Singing do, Lord, remember me

Verse 2

I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me
I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me
I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me; Do, Lord, remember me

Verse 3

When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me
When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me; Do, Lord, remember me

Verse 5

I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun
I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun
I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun; Do, Lord, remember me

Verse 1 (repeat)

Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me; Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me
Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me; Singing do, Lord, remember me

Sending Forth**Benediction****Postlude**

Improvisation on My Lord, What a Morning
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