

**5th Sunday after Epiphany
Service for the Lord's Day**

February 9, 2025 – 11:00 am

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

*Variations on Jesus, The Lord
(Andante)*

Grace Schwanda

PRAYER IN PREPARATION

***Call to Worship**

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

***HYMN 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

#1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

#2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

#3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**God of the universe and Creator of all that is,
we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives
and in the politics of life.**

**Sometimes we are deceitful;
other times we judge ourselves harshly
and feel unworthy of your call on our lives.**

**Touch us with your grace
and dispel our fear,
that we may arise with renewed spirits
to serve you, our true Sovereign. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Act of Praise – Gloria Patri** p. 581

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
pp. 597-598 in pew Bibles

PSALM READING

Psalm 138
p. 545 in pew Bibles

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
p. 153 in pew Bibles

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 5:1-11
p. 58 in pew Bibles

SERMON

"Freedom to Lose"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

#1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

#2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

#3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me!

William Bradbury

***Doxology**

p. 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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 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.**

***HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

#1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

#2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

#3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

PROCESSION

"This movement symbolizes taking the Light of Christ out into the world"

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Lord of All Good

from Genevan Psalter 1551

The Liturgist today is Carol Backman

Prayer List

- Joe Taylor
- The James Langford Family
- Agnes Jenkins
- Sherry Arledge
- The people of Southern California
- The people of the Middle East
- The people of Ukraine

Announcements & Events

- Golden Isles Strummers will be performing a free concert on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30pm in our sanctuary.
- Elder Training will be held on Feb. 22nd at 2 pm
- Georgia Trust Spring Ramble is April 25th and we are on tour 11am - 5 pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 9 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:15 AM Sunday School – Is. 6:1–8 (9–13); 1 Cor. 15:1–11; Ps. 138; Luke 5:1–11
11:00 AM Worship in-person or Facebook Live

Thursday, February 13

6:30 PM Golden Isles Strummers concert

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:15 AM Sunday School – Jer. 17:5–10; 1 Cor. 15:12–20; Psalm 1 Luke 6:17–26
11:00 AM Worship in-person or Facebook Live

Monday, February 17

Office closed