

February 5, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Fifth Gunday after the Epiphany

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE

"Andante espressivo" (Elgar)

Henry Repp

GREETING

Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Meredith

O God, teach us and empower us to be courageous when we share your message — $\,$

the same way Jesus was and did.

Send us to those who are rejected and to those who are in need — **To know there is hope of love and acceptance by God and by us.** God, empower us to embrace and love the rejected, those in need, those who have hurt us, and the oppressed.

God, anoint us to go into the highways of the world to share your message of hope. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Almighty God, we confess we have fallen short of our call to go into the world and share your message. We have kept your word inside our temples and homes instead of taking it out to those who are suffering. Help us, O Jesus, to regain our commitment to share your message the way you did. Amen.

ANTHEM "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" (Courtney) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

Kathleen Meredith

Luke 19:1-10

19 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of

Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God for this Word.

Chancel Choir **ANTHEM** "Hear My Prayer" (James)

SERMON "Salvation in the House" Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

OFFERTORY "Choral" (Guilmant) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the OR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith Jesus, you came to seek out and save the lost. We thank you

for seeking us out and saving us. Help us use these resources to seek out others, even those who make us grumble, that we might share the love with them that you have shared with us. Help us to remember that your love does not see the same lines and divisions that we do. Rather, it breaks down barriers, making a way for reconciliation. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "The Gift of Love" UMH 408

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

"March in D" (Guilmant) **POSTLUDE** Henry Repp

Lent Begins February 22...

Start planning now to attend our Ash Wednesday Service on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Soup Supper at 5:45 prior to the service.

If you would like to bring a pot of soup, please let Kathleen know at (973)383-4450. If you cannot bring soup, you are still more than welcome to come share the meal with us.

Schedule This Week...

Monday, February 6:
Tuesday, February 7:
Wednesday, February 8:
Thursday, February 9:
Saturday, February 11:
Sunday, February 12:
Chair Yoga 10:00 HH
Cub Scouts 6:00 HH
Trustees 7:00 Zoom
Choir Rehearsal 7:00
Treasures of Hope 9-2
Joy Fellowship Service 9

Sunday School 9:00 Sanctuary Service 10:30

Today's Worship Leaders

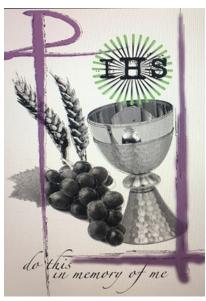
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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

