

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THEME: New Life empowers us to forgive as we have been forgiven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

WE CONFESS OUR SINS.....

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have asked for forgiveness from You and received it, but have failed to grant forgiveness to others. You ask us to release those who have wronged us.....but instead we have held grudges and have looked down upon them. We are sorry that we have failed to reflect your forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Lead us forward today so that we walk in Your ways.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Through this forgiveness, Jesus also gives the power to practice forgiveness with others. Jesus once said to his disciples, "if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them (John 20:23)." As Jesus' disciples, we too live by those words.

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 115

Jesus, Name Above All Names

*Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel,
God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

*Jesus, loving shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.*

*Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of Lords,
The way the truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray. God of Love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from stubbornness and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled with one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:3-9a *The Lord requires a sincere and genuine heart.*

*'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'*
*Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?
"Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'*

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 2:1-12 *The Word of God is given by the Spirit and not the lofty words of the world*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—*

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

You Are the Salt And Light

By Pepper Choplin

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 *Jesus makes us flavorful by calling us to be the salt of the earth*

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Green Book" 304 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

*Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.*

*Today your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.*

*Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather A round the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us, How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.*

*O all embracing Mercy, O ever open Door,
What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.*

SERMON "Forgiveness means Reconciliation" Ephesians 4:32

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

C: I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love.....

I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure.....

I have faith in Jesus, who emptied Himself out of His love for me.....

I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day.

His death is mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work.....

I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love.....

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person.

The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel, and creates and builds the church of Christ.

Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength and against all adversity.....

I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him.

Amen.

OFFERINGS GATHERED

(We give our offerings as a sign of our lives given to the Lord in humble service)

OFFERING SONG

Make Me a Servant

*Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.
(repeat)*

INSTALLATION OF 2014 CHURCH COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each petition the response is:

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Dan Forbess *Superintendent of the Philomath School District*

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 241

To God Be the Glory

*To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

Refrain

*Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

Refrain

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC