

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

You Are

Glimpses of the Kin-dom Worship Series

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Urbana!

Our mission is to journey with people to get them connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; to one another; and to the community, through intentional discipleship!

February 5th, 2023

10:30 am Worship Service

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

PRELUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

(Discipleship Ministries)

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS no. 2236
Kennedy Ortmeier, *hymn leader*

+THE APOSTLES CREED

Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Deep River

Steven Crook
(arr. J. Rosamond Johnson)

+PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERING

UMH no. 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM

True Light

Sanctuary Choir
c. Keith Hampton

MESSAGE

Shandra Summerville

+COMMUNION

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TIME OF REFLECTION

You are invited to come and pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, or remain where you are for a time of contemplation and reflection during the musical selection.

+CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

UMH no. 585

+SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi

+Please stand as you are able

SING HIS PRAISES!

Gather Us In, TFWS no. 2236

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears
and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young- our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old- who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in- the rich and the haughty,
gather us in- the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons
and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, lightyears away,
but here in this place the new light is
shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

This Little Light of Mine

UMH no. 585

This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go
I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go
I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night
I'm goin'a let it shine,
All through the night
I'm goin'a let it shine,
All through the night
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, 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. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took 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 union with Christ 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. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Zacchaeus Goes Out on a Limb

MATTHEW 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can't be hidden. ¹⁵Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Have you ever been in a thunderstorm at night where the electricity went out in your home? Did you have to use a flashlight? Perhaps you even had to light a candle or two. Do you have a place to keep your emergency lights in case the power goes out again? _____

Having a plan and one or two lights on hand is very important when the entire house or apartment is completely dark.

Have you ever had to walk in the dark? Without light, it could become dangerous. You could stub your toe or even trip over something and fall. Can you share a time when you were in complete darkness? How did that make you feel? _____

In today's scripture lesson, Jesus said to his followers, “You are the light of the world. Let your light shine in front of others.” Jesus is teaching us that when you serve God by doing good things for other people, the light of God shines through you. When you do that, you become like the flashlight or the candle

to fill the room with light and remove all the darkness. Did you know that your light helps others to get along better?

God wants the light of Jesus to shine so that all the world can see.

Let's see if we can come up with some ways to use your light to help others discover God's love, bringing glory to God in heaven. What are some ways you can shine your light and help others?

We can collect food for those who are hungry. We could give money to missionaries to help share the love of God all around the world. We can love the people that we find in our lives who aren't that easy to love. We can tell others about all the wonderful things that Jesus has done in our lives.

As we pray, and our eyes are closed, it makes our world dark. Remember that Jesus challenged us to be a light for all the world to see.

Let's Pray! God in heaven, make your light shine through me in all that I say and do. Help other people to see the light and to know that the light comes from you. To you, God, be the glory. And all God's children did say, Amen.

CHILDREN'S CENTER AT URBANA FIRST

Children's Center is happy to offer a **15% discount** for members and those associated with First United Methodist Church of Urbana. Contact Katie Beaulin, our Daycare Director for more details!

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In prayer, we share our hearts. We also pause to listen for wisdom and guidance. As John Wesley wrote, "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God."

Please be in prayer for these members & friends of the Urbana First Community:

- Those experiencing hurt, hardships, and hang-ups
- Our sick & shut-in members
- Growth of our Members and giving to the Church
- Rev. Dr. Manovah's ministry in India
- Our missionaries in the Baltics, Africa, Indonesia Israel, and Asia.
- Urbana Family whose mother is struggling with a diagnosis of stage four cancer.

CHURCH NEEDS

Office Help— 10-12 Tue, Wed, Thur.

Youth Advisor/Worker— 3 hours per week to connect our Jr. and Sr. High Students in a Small Group setting.

URBANA LIBRARY CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

We are happy to be a supporter of the children and youth activities at the Urbana Free Library! Events and activities are on our church calendar at www.urbanafirstmethodist.org/calendar

THANK YOU URBANA FIRST!

Pioneers Missions Council: \$110.00

Culture of Change: \$110.00

UMC Africa Missions: \$110.00

The Baby Fold: \$110.00

Cunningham Children's Home:
\$110.00

***UM Mission and apportionments:**
\$20840.00

**Pending*

This Week at Urbana First

Today, Sunday February 5

9:15 a.m.— Sunday School (*Library*)

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

10:50 a.m.—Children's Church

(Dismissed before sermon)

Wednesday, February 8

10:30 a.m.—Midweek Bible Study

12:30 p.m.—Fellowship Luncheon

(Parlor)

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

(Music Wing)

Thursday, February 9

8:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study (*Library*)

11:00 a.m.—Exchange Club (*Parlor*)

6:00 p.m.—Dulcimer Group (*Parlor*)

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop Meeting

(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 11

8:30 a.m.—UM Men Meeting

2:00 p.m.—Turbo Life Group

Gathering (*Parlor*)

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-

1:00 p.m.

Daycare Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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