January 19, 2025 10:30 a.m. | Chapel 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Around the Word

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus is the Light of the World!

Prelude

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Arr. by Aaron David Miller

Welcome and Announcements

As the Friendship Folder is passed in your pew, please record your attendance in worship today. For our guests, please enter your name and contact information so we may welcome you.

Did You Know? Baby Bottle Boomerang Will to Live

Cristi Wells at Beacon of Hope Craig Cunningham

♦Call to Worship (responsively)

Psalm 35 and John 2

Spencer Olsen

We come this day, precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

We gather this day, water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

We worship this day, gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

†Opening Hymn 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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Being Renewed in Grace

†Call to ConfessionRev. George Tatro

We read in Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth that the Holy Spirit has given us a variety of spiritual gifts to serve God. We recognize that we have not always been good stewards of our gifts, as we often hoard them for ourselves, or deny that we have them altogether, hoping that if we do not offer ourselves to one another, that we may remain comfortable in our self serving agendas. We turn to God and ask forgiveness for the ways in which we have fallen short and been ungrateful.

(Time for Silent Confession)

†Prayer of Confession

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

God you have given each of us many gifts, but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share,

what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.

God you remind us that all gifts are needed,

but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.

God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.

God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body,

We offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace.

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

†Assurance of Pardon

God is the giver of many gifts. God is the Creator of the one body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us to share and honour the gifts of all. God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

†Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

†Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (Repeat)

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Anthem

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High The Chancel Choir

Thomas à Kempis; trans. Benjamin Webb; Arr. by Christian Traylor

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy, That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore His holy fast and hungered sore; For us temptations sharp he knew, For us, the tempter overthrew.

For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death; For us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; For us he went on high to reign; For us he sent the Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God, For love so deep, so high, so broad: The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Spencer Olsen

Holy Spirit, be with us now as we hear your holy ancient words. Illuminate to us what it is you would have us know, and guide our understanding towards your compassion for the Kingdom come. Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, NRSV

Spencer Olsen

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were entitled and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Wedding at Cana

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave

Responding to the Word

†Hymn 512

The Bread and the Wine Are Here

Sung by the choir, then by all

The bread and the wine are here; (The feast is here.)

Come now, all who hunger and thirst.

Come needy; come now without fear.

Drink joy, as the last become first! (The last are first!)

Come in; sit down;

There's room at the table;

Enjoy the feast love has spread for you.

Come in; sit down;

There's room at the table;

Enjoy the feast love has spread for you.

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Affirmation of Faith

From Confession of 1967

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created humanity in a personal relation with Godself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created (us) and given us a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve God's needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek our lives within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Sentences of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith 5

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering Invitation

As we bring our offering to the table, we also bring our gratitude for the multitudes of gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed among God's people. To God be the glory.

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story

Arr. by Ian Good

†Doxology (all singing)

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

†Sending Hymn 761 (verses 1, 3, 4)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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†Charge and Blessing

†Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. by Joel Raney

The ushers this morning are Joanna and Jim Pope.

The greeter this morning is Debi Doverspike.

The Stephen Minister this morning is Rebecca Eldridge.

The Worship Leaders this morning are:

Rev. George Tatro, Senior Pastor Rev. Rachel Mulgrave, Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship Heidi Chinnock, Director of Music Ministries and Organist Amy NoelWelch, Collaborative Pianist Spencer Olsen, Liturgist

Session Elders



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Name Tags for Sundays

Please check on the round table in the Welcome Center for your name tag either before Sunday School or Worship. They will be in alphabetical order. If you don't have one, there are adhesive name tags you can use. There will be a clipboard with a list where you can add your name, and a name tag will be available for you the following Sunday. Please return your name tags to the table before leaving the church today.

Special note about our cameras

Welcome to worship! For many years, JCPC has recorded its worship services for those who are homebound or absent from worship. We are now able to Livestream the service from the worship hour. The worship leaders and the first few rows of the worship space are visible in these videos. The back rows are not visible in the Livestream or recording. Thank you for being with us this morning, and we hope you'll watch online when you can't be with us in person.

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