



***He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.***

*ISAIAH 40:29*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our brothers and sisters in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude on OLD HUNDREDTH*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Bock

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: In Christ, we are made new.

**ALL:** *And in Christ we are filled with hope.*

One: In God, we belong to a new community.

**ALL:** *A community of sisters and brothers in Christ.*

One: In Christ, the old ways have passed into darkness.

**ALL:** *For we have turned toward the new light; the light which illuminates the darkness.*

One: In God, we receive a new name and a new call;

**ALL:** *We are God's children, and we are called to a new life of faithfulness and dedication.*

ONE: In Christ, we are new creations, made in the image of our Creator.

**ALL:** *The old is passed away, and the new life of Christ which dwells within us calls us to live as faithful disciples. We worship our Creator; the One who makes us new!*

#### MUSIC

*Christians We Have Come to Worship*  
Campanile Quartet

arr. by Sondra K. Tucker

### TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#### CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. John White*

One: God of unfailing mercy, we acknowledge Christ as the unshakable foundation of our lives.

**ALL:** *His constant love, his insistent call, and his enduring presence among us, free us to bear his light into the darkest corners of the world.*

One: Yet even as we acknowledge Christ as our foundation, we still strive to have our own way in life. *(continued)*

**ALL:** *We do not sacrifice as Christ did.*  
 One: We do not love unconditionally, as Christ did.  
**ALL:** *We do not seek your will in every corner of our lives, as Christ did.*  
 One: Hear our Prayer, O God. Forgive us when we focus our lives on the things of this world.  
**ALL:** *Forgive our reluctance to be your servants, O God, and declare again and again your words of mercy, until they echo resoundingly in the darkest reaches of our soul. Through Christ we pray, Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. John White*

One: The fact is made clear in the pages of John’s Gospel: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**ALL:** *This is the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
 Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Amen!*

## THE WORD

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Rev. John White*

### MUSIC

*God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Karen L. Buckwalter  
 Campanile Quartet, handbells | Dr. Terry McRoberts, piano

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 40:27-31*  
*(Page 668 in the pew Bible)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### HYMN 184 *Calm to the Waves* (See insert)

CALM SEAS

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Mark 1:29-38*  
*(Page 35 in the pew Bible)*

*Rev. John White*

### SERMON

*“Driving Out Darkness”*

*Rev. John White*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From A Declaration of Faith*) *Rev. Courtney Bowen*  
*The Holy Spirit is God active in the world. By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his Church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. The Spirit renews the community of faith. The Spirit enables people to become believers. The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life. The Spirit equips the Christian community for ministry, and unifies the Christian church. In the presence of the Holy Spirit the first Christians experienced God's own presence, not a power different from God or less than God. In God's eternal being and in all his activity, the one God is always and at the same time the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**HYMN 227** *Jesus, Remember Me* (See insert)

REMEMBER ME

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## SENDING

**\*CHARGE**

*Rev. John White*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Yorkminster Processional*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts, organ

Young

## **184 | Calm to the Waves**

Calm to the Waves.

Calm to the Wind.

Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts.

Fears at an end.

In stillness, hear his voice.

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## **227 | Jesus, Remember Me**

Jesus, remember me when you come into  
your kingdom.

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