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## Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

**Seeking God**, we strive to know God and love God.

**Serving others**, we follow our Servant Savior to help bring fullness of life to others.

**Sharing Christ's love with all**, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

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**Mary Alice Mawer, guest pianist**

**Kay Estes, liturgist**

(Image on cover: "Christ Healing Peter's Mother-in-law" by Rembrandt)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* arr. Lani Smith

#### CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 24)

One: Good people of the church,  
Lift up your eyes and see.

**All: Have you not seen?  
Have you not heard?  
Our God greets us here.**

Good servants of the Most High,  
Open your ears to hear.

**Have you not seen?  
Have you not heard?  
Our God greets us here.**

Good children of the light  
Open your hearts and know what it means  
to delight in God.

**For we have seen, heard and known  
From the beginning to the end,  
Our God...is... HERE!**

**HYMN** – *"Sing of God Made Manifest"* (vs. 1 & 2) #156

Sing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign-  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine-  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
"This is my beloved Son."

#### PRAYER of CONFESSION

What do we hold and treasure most?

**Is it the promises of God?**

What captivates our attention?

**Is it the grace of God?**

God of mercy and grace:

**We are vulnerable people  
who too often ignore the vulnerable.**

**We are broken people  
who don't always pay attention  
to the world's brokenness.**

**Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.**

**Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.**

**Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage  
of hurt and oppression.**

**We are yours, loving God. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Have you known? Have you heard?

The brokenness and burden of sin

may be a far and distant memory

For, through Christ, our sins – all of them – are forgiven.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

#### A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so  
that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE** – Mark 1:29-39

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – *"Everyday Heroes"*

Pastor Lawrence

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**HYMN** – *"Sing of God Made Manifest"* (vs. 3 & 4) #156

Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where the law and prophets waned  
so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Invitation*

"Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness cannot overcome it."

... we are bold to proclaim:

**The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.**

When we are overwhelmed by powers,  
we cannot control we find comfort in these words:

**The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.**

As God's people we offer witness to a hurting world,  
and proclaim to all the nations of the world:

**The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.**

And so, we gather here, in this place ...

God's universal and unconditional love for all people.

(Singing) The Lord be with you.

(Singing) **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.**

#### THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**O Lord, we ask now the presence of your Spirit.**

**We have come from many places  
and many backgrounds.**

**Around this table, we are one  
and we call ourselves your people.**

**We thank you that you have surrounded us with  
so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses.**

**We thank you for the wholeness that you have  
given us in the flesh and blood of Jesus the Christ,  
for his dying and rising that life might be more  
precious to us than death.**

**Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with  
all the saints in proclaiming your glory, saying:**

(Singing)

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

In thanksgiving and remembrance,  
we ask you to bless this bread  
and this wine so that,  
in sharing them together,  
we shall be your church.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...  
(Prayers will be offered up at this time.)

Through the grace that we have known in Christ,  
we pray: **Our Father... (saying sins...sinners)**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP**

**MUSIC for OUR OFFERING**

*"Balm in Gilead"*  
Trad. Spiritual | arr. H. T. Burleigh  
Andrew McLeese, soloist

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**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**HYMN** – *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* #268

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**BLESSING**

**We have heard what is good,  
and we know it in our hearts.  
So let us go from this time,  
emboldened by the love of Jesus Christ  
through this community of faith, hope and love  
Together we share in the work of healing and service  
and bear the light that outshines the night.  
Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *"Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet"*  
Robert Lau

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**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Chris Krueger, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, John Woodruff.

Email congregational concerns to **Judy Fisher**,  
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**MINISTRY NEWS**

**Fellowship in the Virtual Molyneaux Lounge**

Join us following the Congregational Meeting at this [link](#) on Zoom.

Once again, [click here for the link](#).

Meeting ID: 836 5120 3672 | Passcode: 916856

**Worldchanging 101 at Youth Group**

Youth Group will be meeting in the Seminary Building tonight at 6:30 p.m. **Masks and/or facial coverings are required**, and there will be temperature checks at the door. Our 6-week book study of "Worldchanging 101" by David LaMotte continues. This week, we will be focusing on Chapter 9, "Community." The book is available in both paperback and Kindle form. If you would like for the church to provide you with a physical copy of the book, please contact Pastor Marc.

**Lenten Devotionals**

Lent is a time to reflect, to grow, to pray, and to prepare for Easter. This year's Lenten devotional *Again and Again* invites us to return to the practices that transform and renew. This wonderful resource for your family includes art, reflections, and poetry that can help deepen your spiritual life as we walk through the season of Lent together.

Please let us know if you would like a Lenten devotional by [contacting](#) the church office and requesting your copy. It can be mailed to you or you can pick it up.

**Introducing a Lenten Podcast Series on Creation Care**

CE invites you to journey on a new path of Lenten study this year ~ A Lenten podcast series on Creation Care. You can listen to the weekly podcasts as you take a walk or as you sit in the comfort of your home. [Click on this link](#) to access the podcasts.

**Virtual Ash Wednesday Service**

Join us for a Virtual Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. We will be distributing home kits prior to the virtual worship service. Please contact the [church office](#) if you would like to pick one up or have one delivered to you.

**Media Content Creators Needed!**

The communications team at Oxford Presbyterian Church is so thrilled with our new audio-visual upgrades to our sanctuary and our facilities...and now it's time to start dreaming about how to use them! We are looking to put together a new Media Content Team of volunteers to help envision, oversee, and curate the ways that we communicate across all forms of digital, physical, and social media. If this is an area that you might have some interest in, please [contact Gene Krebs](#) or [Pastor Marc](#).

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:  
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>

**Lawrence Bartel, Pastor**  
**Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor**  
**Kent Peterson, Music Director**  
**Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



**Sunday, February 7, 2021**



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