



“And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons;  
and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.”

Mark 1:34

**February 7, 2021**

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# OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 147*

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**People: Who heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: God numbers the stars and calls each one by name.

**People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, and brings down the wicked.**

Leader: God prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills.

**People: The Lord delights in those who trust in God's steadfast love.**

\*HYMN #126

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

Charles Dickerson

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,**

**The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:**

**To God all praise and glory.**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,**

**An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.**

**As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:**

**To God all praise and glory.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, we know that your ways are above our ways, and your wisdom greater than our own. You see us with eyes of hope and love, and call us to discover your grace for our lives. Forgive us when we misunderstand you, when we forget what you have already shown us. Help us to show compassion for all your children, so that we may be more like you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Linda Fester

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*"There's a Light"*

3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

THE LORD'S 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 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, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES  
OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

\*DOXOLOGY

#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.**

SCRIPTURE

- Mark 1:29-39

Jesus' popularity grows

Linda Fester

SERMON

*"Spoiler Alert"*

Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

(the pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, and the people shall say)

**People: Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN #521

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

Charles Dickerson

**I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.**

**Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.**

**O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3<sup>rd</sup> service ensemble:

*Paula Kuno* – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

*Michael Starr* – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

*Cory Tramontelli* – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director

Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

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Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.

Miguel Portillo, Custodian