

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 5, 2017

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Roginski

PRELUDE

Organ

“I Hear Thy Welcome Voice”

on a tune by Lewis Hartsough

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Roginski

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit our ways to the Lord: trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

The Lord delights in the ways of the person whose steps he has made firm

Though he stumbles, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

--from Psalm 37:4-6, 23-24

INVOCATION

Rev. Don Meekhof

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

(Hymn #77)

(VERSE 1)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

(VERSE 2)

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy desires e're have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

(VERSE 3)

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

(VERSE 4)

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

“O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS”

(Hymn #477)

(VERSE 1)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of his love,
leading onward, leading homeward
to that glorious rest above.

(VERSE 2)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread his praise from shore to shore!
He who loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, nevermore.
He, who died to save his loved ones,
intercedes for them above;
he, who called them his own people,
watches over them in love.

(VERSE 3)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best,
vast the ocean of his blessing,

sweet the haven of his rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—
for my heaven of heavens is he;
this my everlasting glory—
Jesus' mighty love for me!

TIME OF PRAYER

Cameo Thompson

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Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God,
our help in times of trouble.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
we have asked for your righteous judgment
against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own
lives.**

**We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.**

**We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our
world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and
generosity toward others.**

**Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.**

**Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity
of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

In mercy God forgives us our sin
and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

“HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR”

(Hymn #226)

(VERSE 1)

“Man of Sorrows,” what a name
for the Son of God,
who came ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

(VERSE 2)

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

(VERSE 3)

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement, can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

(VERSE 4)

Lifted up was he to die,
“It is finished,” was his cry;
Now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

(VERSE 5)

When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS Cameo Thompson

Invitation to the Offering

Like a spring whose waters never fail,
God calls us to share what we have received.
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

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***Doxology**

and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 9:10–15 (NSRV)

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¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

MESSAGE

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“Know His Generosity!”

Sermon Text: For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

– 1 Corinthians 8:9 (NSRV)

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART”

(Hymn #496)

(VERSE)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given
Jesus Christ his Son.

(Repeat Verse)

(CHORUS)

And now let the weak say “I am strong”;
let the poor say “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us.

(Repeat Chorus)

(ENDING)

Give thanks!

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SHARING AROUND CHRIST’S TABLE—COMMUNION

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Christ becomes a part of our flesh through Holy Communion.

The Lord’s Supper is not an end in itself. It always points beyond itself to celebrate God’s grace and covenant faithfulness. This does not mean the physical aspects of the celebration are incidental or unimportant. The Lord’s Supper should be a celebration fitting to the abundant grace of God offered in Christ.

**Invitation to the Lord’s Supper
Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ**

***CLOSING SONG**

It is the custom at Knox, in celebration of Holy Communion, to hold hands and form a circle around the sanctuary to sing our closing song...

“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

(Hymn #708)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Don Meekhof

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord”

Organ

on a tune by John A. Wilcox

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In the pulpit today: Don Meekhof is our “*Temporary Stated Supply*” pastor. Those words in quotes are the official title given by Presbytery because with Shared Ministry there is no full-time pastor. However, Don most definitely has a full-time love for shepherding the flock of Christ and we are blessed to have him with us!