



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

February 7, 2021 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Variations on "How Great Thou Art"arr. Linker

Welcome

Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 57:7-8, 10-11

My heart is steadfast, O God,
My heart is steadfast.
I will sing and make melody.
Awake, my soul!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.
For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

***Sing: "Rejoice In All Your Works"**

***"How Great Thou Art"Lift Up Your Hearts #553:1,3-4**

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**God of light and life,
you set before us today
the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness;
of putting on the light of Christ;
of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst
in the person of Jesus Christ.**

**As the people of God in this place,
we know that a crucial part of our witness
is in revealing Christ to the world
through the way we love and care for one another.**

**Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us
of the One who is to come.**

**So many people, young and old, grope helplessly
in the gloom of despair and suffering,
yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives.
Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us.**

Merciful God,
cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us
from loving you and loving our neighbor.
so that our lives radiate faith active in love,
as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more
in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

***Song of Dedication:**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Lift Up Your Hearts #730

1. I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father **Refrain**

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children's Dismissal
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Message: "Just Before Dawn".....Rev. Duane Kelderman

Prayers of the People

***Song of Response: "Eternal Weight of Glory"**

1. Eternal Weight of Glory
Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
And we cling to him, our strength.

2. Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

Chorus:

For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song
3. We will see our wounded Savior.
We'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

Chorus + tag

**GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND
LOVE**

***Blessing**

***Sing: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"**Lift Up Your Hearts #432:1-3,5

Postlude: rumpet Tune on "How Great Thou Art" arr. Linker

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Offering: Teen Challenge
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