

February 4, 2007
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING and WELCOME

PRELUDE "Meditation on an American Folk Hymn" arr. Carl Simone

CALL TO WORSHIP The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
The desert shall rejoice and blossom, abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
And come to Zion singing.
Isaiah 35: 1, 2a, 5, 6a, 10a

*HYMN "Gather Us In" FWS No. 2236

*THE INVOCATION

Hold us forever, O God of Love. Make us your own, for our lives are rooted in your Spirit. In stress and strife we struggle to make our way, believing that we can build our own security, and provide our own safety. But we live by your affirmation of us, as we focus on your justice and peace, and as we serve in your name where life leads us. Gather us in, all peoples together, safe and secure in your love of us, your care for us, and your power to lead us to what is truly good for us and for the whole creation. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE DISMISSAL HYMN "Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee" No. 175
(Verses 1 & 4)

**All who are able, please stand*

RECEIVING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR CENTERING TIME "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" FWS No. 2193

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GOSPEL Luke 6: 17-26 NT pg. 64

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON "From Adoration to Transformation –
Jesus' Life Teaches Us About Faith: Affirmation"

*HYMN "Live In Charity" FWS No. 2179
(Sung through three times)

THE OFFERTORY The Adult Choir

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*COMMUNION HYMN "Become To Us The Living Bread" No. 630

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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SHARING THE FEAST

In the United Methodist Church we believe in the unity of the Body of Christ and the universal love of God. Communion is open to anyone who desires to receive it. Please be guided by the ushers in coming to the table.

The Love Offering will go into the Discretionary Fund.

THE PEACE

*HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” No. 671

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him arr. Lani Smith

Liturgist: Donna Faria

Please join our “Meet and Greet” time in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service!

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