

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 7, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Song #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LODE DEN HERREN*

*Call to Worship

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth!

God gives power to the faint, and strength to the weak.

Praise the Lord!

Has it not been told you from the beginning? It is God who stretches out the heavens and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing!

God does not faint or grow weary. Who is equal to the Lord?

Even youths will faint and be weary. The young will fall down exhausted.

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

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*Invocation Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Faith "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Worship Team
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading Isaiah 40:20-31

The Psalter Reading Psalm 147:1-11,20C
Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

**The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the Lord!**

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

Song #419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

Children's Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special

Message "What Does God Want with Us?"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church

to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Song **“Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)”** **WT**

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper –

Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*
Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #393** **“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”** **DENNIS**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

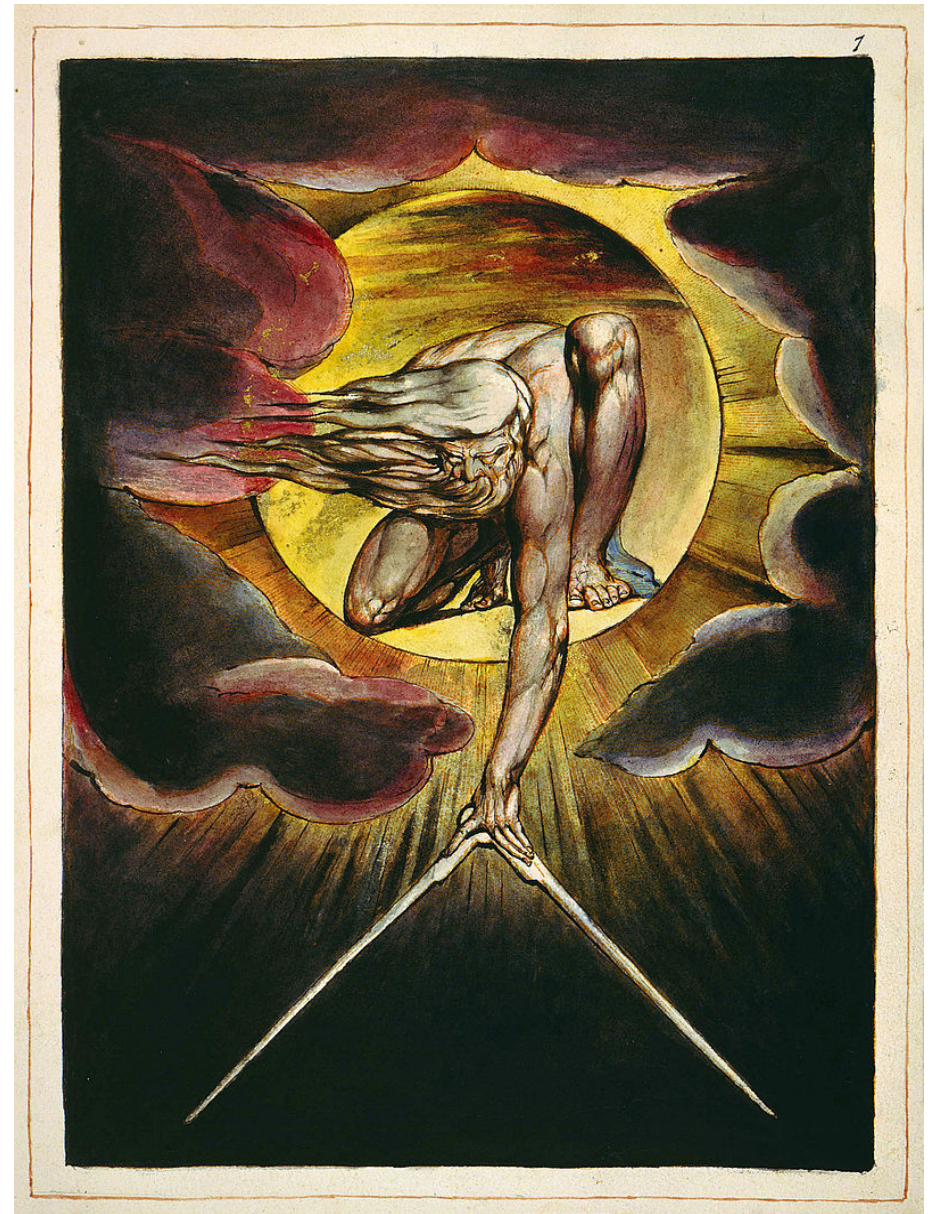
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