

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## JANUARY 30, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship** – I come to worship the Holy One, who took me from my mother's womb. I come to worship the Holy One, with power to raise from tombs of earth. I come to worship you, Holy One, on whom I've leaned on my whole life.

**Prelude** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist**

**Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name** **The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

**\*Opening Song #560** **"I Love to Tell the Story"** *HANKEY*  
**#362** **"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"** *HANKEY*

**\*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; **Let me never be put to shame.**

In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

**Turn your ear to me and save me.**

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;

**Give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**From the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.**

For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

**From birth, I have relied on you;**

You brought me forth from my mother's womb.

**I will ever praise you.**

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**\*Song of Faith #504** **"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"** *CLOSER WALK*

**\*Songs of Praise #471** **"As The Deer"** *MARTIN NYSTROM*  
**#557** **"Pass It On"** *KURT KAISER*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour-Hunter

**The First Reading** **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**The Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Luke 4:21-30**

**\*Responsorial #668** **"Wonderful Words of Life"** *PHILIP P. BLISS*

**Children's Sermon** (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

**Song #473** **"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"** *CONVERSE*

**Announcements & Prayers of the Community: 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, the power, and the glory forever.

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations** - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

**Offertory Special** **"My Tribute" (How Can I Say Thanks)**

**Prayer and The Message** **"The Good News We Do Not Want to Hear"**  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

### RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

**Invitation to Faith and Fellowship**

**\*Closing Hymn #422** **"Amazing Grace"** *NEW BRITAIN*

**\*Spoken Benediction** **The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

**\*Postlude** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist**

## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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