

Worship Guide for the 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Song: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

#474UMH vv. 1 & 2

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

*When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is for us to gather
and sing praises to our God.

**People: Great is our Lord, who understands us,
lifts us up, and strengthens us.**

Leader: Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord,
who fills our lives with steadfast love.

People: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, as Jesus spent time with you in prayer,
we come before you in prayer this day. Renew our spirits,
that we might tell your story with passion and purpose.
Fill us with hope. Fill us with a love. Fill us with compassion.
Guide, empower, encourage us with your Spirit, as we seek
to minister to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TFWS #2200

Concerns and Prayers (Prayers for ourselves and others.)

Together let us pray:

For the people of this congregation....

For those who suffer and those in trouble....

For the concerns of this local community....

For the world, it's peoples, and it's leaders....

For the Church universal- it's leaders, it's members, and it's mission....

In communion with the saints...

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ *Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.*

He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble;
³¹ *but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.*



Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

²⁸ Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee. ²⁹ After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. ³¹ He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. ³² That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered near the door. ³⁴ He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him. ³⁵ Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. ³⁶ Simon and those with him tracked him down. ³⁷ When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!" ³⁸ He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." ³⁹ He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

Pastor Jen

Offering Our Gifts To God

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary UMC, PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976 or to an organization in your area

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The Lord be with you
And also with you....

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.**

Closing Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy* #395 v.v 1,2, &4 UMH

*1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

*2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

*4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

Benediction