

Central United Church

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Sunday, February 5th, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

PSALM 112 (Responsive)

Praise the Lord!

*Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.*

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.*

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

*It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.*

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.**

*They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.*

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

*They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.*

**The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God we come to you, not in our own
righteousness, but in the One who himself bore our sins in
his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live
for righteousness. So often we deny our freedom and stray
like sheep, but now we repent our straying and return to the
shepherd and guardian of our souls. Hear our prayer of
confession.**

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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
and ever. Amen.**

Offering and Offertory

We hear....

Old Testament Lesson: (Page 688 OT)

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Epistle Lesson: (Page 166 NT)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Hymn: "O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"

Gospel Lesson: (Page 91 NT)

John 1:1-14

Message: **“Whose are we?”** (Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling)

We respond.....

Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Pastoral Prayers

Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Take Note

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