



## Henrietta United Church of Christ

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## Order of Worship

10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2022

### ***WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST***

**CENTERING MUSIC** (in unison)

Henry Stone, Cantor

Here in this place, the new light is streaming;  
Now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
Gather us in, and make us your own.  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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**WELCOME**

Pastor Martha

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (one / many)

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ's love and peace!  
Messages of peace may be shared in the comments in our broadcast.*

**SUNG RESPONSE** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.  
You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.  
There's a spirit of love in this place.  
O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.  
O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.

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## WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

### +CALL TO WORSHIP (*one / many*)

Pastor Martha

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was light.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**And the light shone in the darkness.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**And the light shall not be quenched.**

Let us give thanks for God's light

**And reflect it in our lives!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

African-American Spiritual. Tune: THIS JOY, Arr. Jeffrey Randford, 1993 © The Pilgrim Press. NCH #524

### ++PRAYER OF RENEWAL (*one/many*)

O God, the world we have made cries out, "Invest! Buy! Provide for yourself!"

**But you have taught us to love, to serve, and to care for others.**

The world we have made shouts, "Protect! Secure! Close off!"

**But you have taught us to share, to lend, and to welcome.**

The world we have made threatens, "Be afraid! Be jealous! Trust no one."

**But you have taught us to stand in awe, to rely on you,  
to risk compassion, and to cultivate friendship;**

The world we have made lies to us about what is most important,

**But you call us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.**

Help us now to turn away from the distractions of the world and listen to your call, as we pause and pray in silence...(silent prayer)...

In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

**WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE** (*one / many*) based on Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of God never ceases, and God's mercies never end;  
They are new every morning – so great is God's faithfulness.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rochester Children's Nursery Video Pastor Martha

**ANTHEM** "Come, Share the Lord" HUCC Choir  
Words and Music by Bryan Jeffery Leech, arr. by Lloyd Larson

***WE MEET AT CHRIST'S TABLE***

**INVITATION** Pastor Martha

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**UNISON COMMUNION SONG** (*in unison*)

Jesus broke the bread; then he poured the wine.  
Broken body, life poured out, God gives as sign.  
Weak, afraid, and lost: that is when we're healed.  
In our human brokenness: there is God revealed.

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**SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP**

*Jesus used the ordinary food of his time to remind his friends of their unity with him and their covenant with God. As you partake of this simple food and drink, you are invited to remember Christ's love and forgiveness, to give thanks for his sacrifice, and to ponder your part in God's unfolding world.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*in unison*)

*Author Unknown*

**Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity, and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child and our trusted Savior. Amen.**

***WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS***

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 5:13-20 Tracy Meyer

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

“Unbind the Shackles”

Look, you who serve your own interests on your fast day:  
In winning much, you lose.  
Look, you who say you bring glory to my name:  
Another fast I choose!

Unbind the shackles of the human nation,  
Repair the breach, and rebuild the streets,  
Lift up your voices like a sounding trumpet!  
Nearer to justice is near-er to me!

Look, you who would raise arms against your neighbor  
Mine is another way.  
Love in-stead each sibling as Our Mother:  
Jesus’ commandment obey!

Unbind the shackles of the human nation,  
Repair the breach, and rebuild the streets,  
Lift up your voices like a sounding trumpet!  
Nearer to justice is near-er to me!

Look to the poor, the lonely and the hungry;  
Share with them bread and care.  
Not out of pity, but from human likeness,  
Find that communion you dare!

Unbind the shackles of the human nation,  
Repair the breach, and rebuild the streets,  
Lift up your voices like a sounding trumpet!  
Nearer to justice is near-er to me!

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***WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE***

**INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING**

Pastor Martha

**OFFERTORY**

“Fairest Lord Jesus” by Jonathan W. Lee

Laurie Fox

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** *(in unison)*

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace,  
who blesses every time and place,  
whose Christ shows every person's worth,  
whose Spirit gives us all new birth!

*Tune and text adapted from the Geneva Psalter (1551)*

**+++PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(Let us pray together. . .)*

**Holy God, with these gifts, may we spread your light into all the darkness of the world, overthrowing the old and tired ways, standing up for justice, forging paths to peace, loving those it's hard to love, answering your call to follow, and trusting in you to lead the way. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Eric Falla

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "You Are the Salt for the Earth, O People"

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O People: life in the City of God!  
Bring forth the the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God!  
Bring forth the the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice: grow in the City of God!  
Bring forth the the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God!  
Bring forth the the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

*Text: Matt. 5:13-15, Parapr. by Mary Haugen, 1986; alt. Tune: BRING FORTH, by Marty Haugen, © by G.I.A. Publications, Inc.*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Martha

**POSTLUDE**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” by John G. Barr  
Tune: *Lift Every Voice* by J. Rosamond Johnson

Laurie Fox

***WE RETURN TO THE WORLD TO SHARE OUR HOPE***

*As our worship ends, our service begins.*

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++Adapted from materials by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, found at <http://rev-o-lution.org/worship-resources-for-february-5th-2023-fifth-sunday-after-the-epiphany/>.

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