

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 9, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour (*please be seated*)

Prelude

Trust in the Lord by Patsy Ford Simms
Youth Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: The generous love of God abounds.

People: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.

Leader: The unending grace of God surrounds us.

People: With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.

Leader: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.

People: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.

Leader: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.

All: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Come, let us worship and sing our praise!

*Opening Hymn #121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*The Apostles' Creed #881

*Gloria Patri #70

Anthem

The King of Glory Comes (Traditional Israeli Folk Song)
Carillon Bells

Centering Prayer

Most gracious and loving God, as we come into this worship space, as we lift our hearts to worship you, we ask that you look deep within us and search us. Help us see the true condition of our hearts. Help us hear again your words of love and grace and life. We pray that this hour is an hour that will change our lives forever. Amen.

Ministry Moment – Connectional Mission Ministry

Children's Message

Psalter Reading

Psalm 116

Hymnal, Page 837

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

Response 1

People: "Thanks be to God."

*Hymn of Preparation (insert)

Change My Heart, Oh God

Sermon

"A Helpful Vine"

Rev. Bates

Text: Jonah 4 (NLT)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer #895

Choral Amen

Offering & Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Doxology #95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let the gift of grace which has been so lavishly given to us touch our hearts as we give of our gifts. May the needs of others become our needs: their poverty, our poverty; their hunger, our hunger; their longings for a better life, our longings. As we feel, so may we give, always in gratitude for the abundance of grace that is ours through the gift of the life of Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn (insert)

Cry of My Heart

*Benediction

*Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light by Thomerson

**For those who are able, please stand*