

# FIFTH SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Watch live: <https://youtu.be/Zh2HzPoq-Ns>

## PRELUDE

*Christ Alone* – arr. Mark Hayes  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

## WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

*200 Seconds* – Peggy Norris

## CALL *to* WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*HYMN 464 – *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

## PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you call us to be salt and light and to live as your righteous, holy people.  
We want to, Lord, but we fall short. We confess that there is good and bad within our hearts.**

**We want to do what is right, but our fears and anxieties lead us to self-protection  
rather than vulnerability, to hoarding rather than freely sharing,  
to self-righteousness rather than compassion. Forgive us,**

**O God. Restore us by your mercy  
that having received the gift of your infinite love,  
we might turn to our neighbor and give your love away.**

**For the sake of Christ, we pray.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI – HYMN 579

\*PASSING *of the* PEACE

## ANTHEM

*Let Us Break Bread Together* – Traditional Spiritual – arr. John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir and Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

*Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:1-12 – Suzy McDevitt

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20 – Suzy McDevitt

## SERMON

*Integrating Worship and Practice*

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

MUSICAL OFFERING

*I'll Walk With God* - Nicholas Brodzky

Edward Schmiedecke, Baritone and Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

*I'll walk with God from this day on, His helping hand I'll lean upon. This is my prayer, my humble plea, may the Lord be ever with me. There is no death, tho' eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to Him. I'll lean on Him forever and He'll forsake me never. He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along. I'll walk with God, I'll take His hand. I'll walk with God, He'll understand. I'll pray to Him, each day to Him and He'll hear the words that I say. His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.*

CALL to OFFERING

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,  
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,  
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING & 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 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.**

BREAKING of the BREAD

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

PRAYER after COMMUNION

\*HYMN 429 – *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

First Presbyterian Church 200th Anniversary Hymn

**Please join the Chancel Choir in singing the Choral Benediction.**

*God bless our church and the mission we see now before us.*

*Renew our hearts to sing praise to Thy name ever glorious!*

*Let praises ring and our renewal begin,*

*Into the century before us.*

POSTLUDE

*Let Them Praise His Name in the Dance* – Douglas E. Wagner

Psalm 149:3

Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

CHANCEL FLOWERS

*Chancel Flowers are given by Jill Critchley to honor of all of those celebrating birthdays in February!*

ROSEBUD in the SANCTUARY

*The rose on the chancel this morning is in honor of*

*Bridget Duggan Massey, great granddaughter of Jo-Ann and Dwight Massey.*

*Bridget was born to parents Andrew and Elsa Massey on January 26th!*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator\* shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

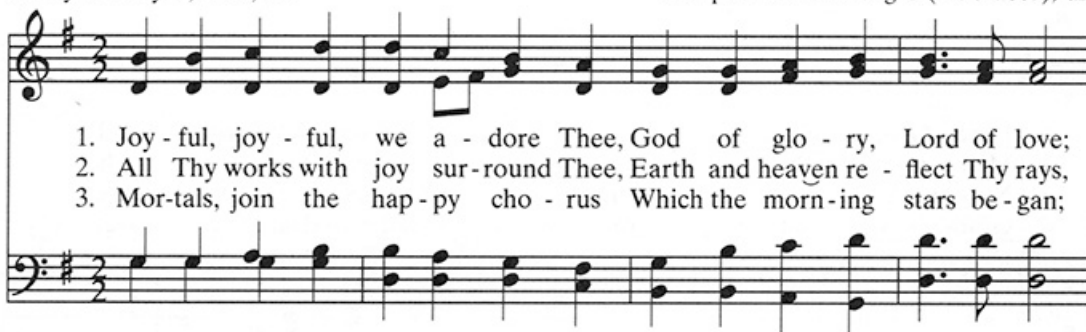
<sup>13</sup>‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,\* not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks\* one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

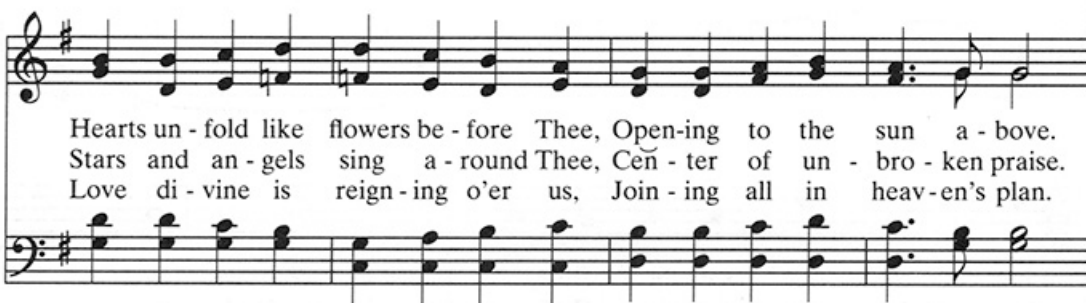
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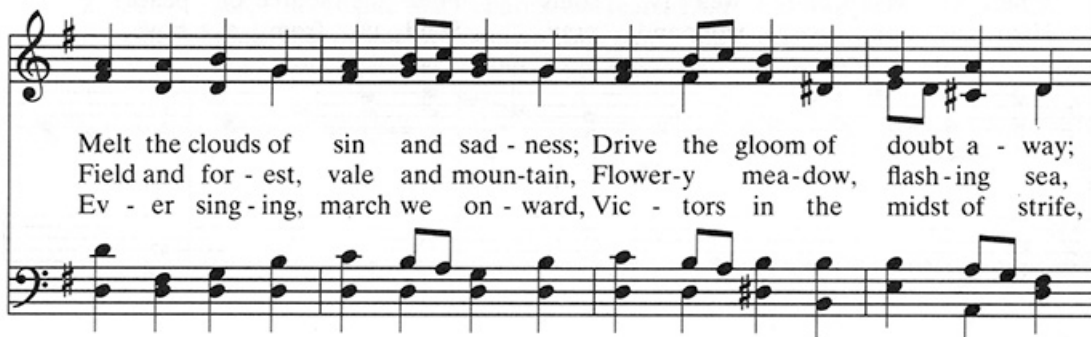
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.


1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - jice in Thee.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

## 429 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1978

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, And the  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, Life a -  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure All that

gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
 bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
 lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a - round us  
 you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy lead us

With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
 Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty; With the Spir - it's  
 Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;  
 To a just so - ci - e - ty;

CHURCH: MISSION

gifts em - power us For the work of min - is - try.