

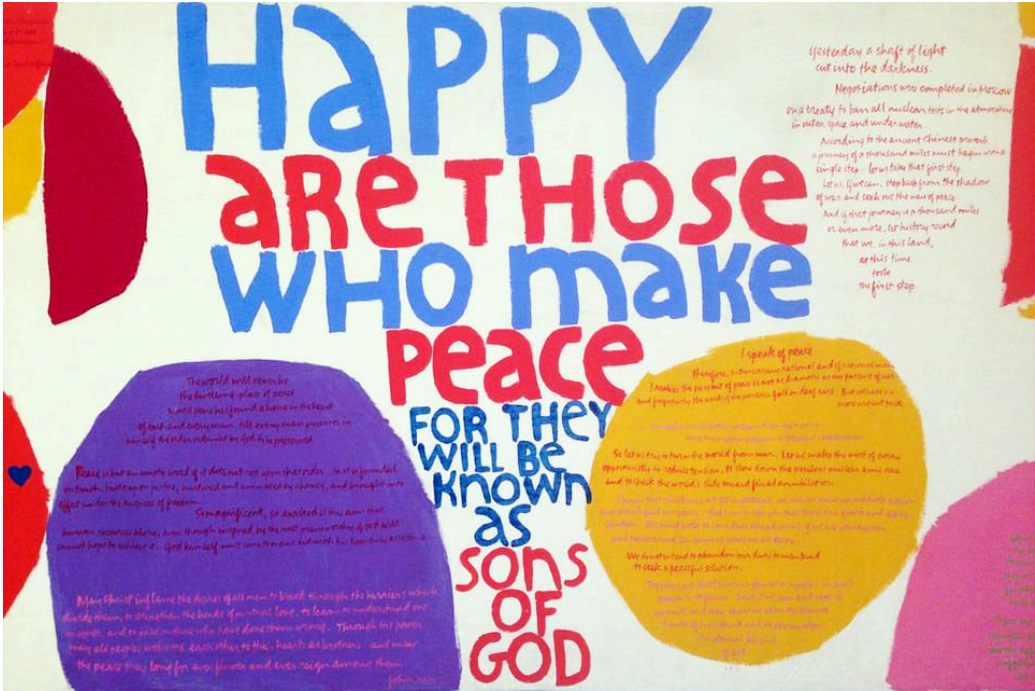
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Service of Worship for the
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle. Our music team is led by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician Liz Smith. Our service is streamed and [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle (fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email fanwooddeacons@gmail.com.

REFERENCES

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GATHERING

PRELUDE “Beethoven No. 12”

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” *verse 3*

(Refrain) *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

*And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.* (Refrain)

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
the downtrodden and despairing;

All: they will rejoice in God.

One: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving;

All: they will be comforted by God.

One: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness;

All: they will find it in God's reign.

One: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors;

All: we will live in God's love together.

One: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

All: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least” *verses 1 & 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you call blessed the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and those who hunger for justice. Yet we confess that we trust ourselves more than you, turn away from grief, cling to power, and settle for comfort instead of righteousness. You call us to purity of heart and the work of peace, but our love is divided and our courage small. We avoid hard truths and costly faithfulness.

Forgive us, O God. By your grace, shape us into a people who live your blessing in the world—merciful, just, and faithful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #579 “Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON “Sermon on the Mount: The Opening” Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY “There Was Jesus” Liz Smith, Alexa Teebo

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the One who brings justice and true peace among people; that in a world full of injustice and enmity God is in a special way the God of the poor, the oppressed, and the wronged, and that God calls the church to follow Christ by standing where God stands.

We believe that the church is called to witness against all forms of injustice, to reject any doctrine that legitimizes separation or hatred, and to work for unity, reconciliation, and peace.

We believe that this obedience is not optional, but is demanded by the gospel itself, so that the church may be salt of the earth and light of the world, to the glory of God.

* DOXOLOGY #592 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC “Bach French suite in G major” Luyang Liu

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least” *verses 3 & 4*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Living Hope” Luyang Liu