



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
February 6, 2022
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together (Hymn 513)

Spiritual; arr. Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us come and share the Bread of Life!

*HYMN No. 507 (V.1-3)

I Come with Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, today we confess that we allow our fear to drown out Your voice. We are afraid of the unknown and things outside our control. Help us hand these items over to you every hour of the day. Help us to be quiet and still, waiting for Your will to be revealed rather than running ahead of You. Keep our hearts open to the Spirit's working. Remind us that we have daily bread from Heaven and a safe shelter in You when we are tempted to look elsewhere for hope and help.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:25-44

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

*HYMN No. 513 (V.1-3)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me).

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me).

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me).

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise to you, O God... we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily lives may show our thanks; offer your peace to our broken world; and lift up those who are burdened by grief, illness or injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 514 (V.1-3)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
At the table He sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Let us give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided and in gratitude, offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please make your gifts in the plate in the back of the sanctuary, online or via mail.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together (Hymn 513)

Spiritual; arr. Wood

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Worship Leaders

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Gloria Snyder, Organist

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John 6:25-44

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day."