

## 5 Epiphany: February 7, 2021

### Gathering

Prelude: Sonata in E minor for flute, BMV1034: Adagio

J.S. Bach

#### Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In"

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| <p>1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,<br/>now is the darkness vanished away;<br/>see in this space our fears and our dreamings<br/>brought here to you in the light of this day.<br/>Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,<br/>gather us in, the blind and the lame;<br/>call to us now, and we shall awaken,<br/>we shall arise at the sound of our name.</p> <p>2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,<br/>we are the old who yearn for your face;<br/>we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,<br/>called to be light to the whole human race.<br/>Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,<br/>gather us in, the proud and the strong;<br/>give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,<br/>give us the courage to enter the song.</p> | <p>3 Here we will take the wine and the water,<br/>here we will take the bread of new birth,<br/>here you shall call your sons and your daughters,<br/>call us anew to be salt for the earth.<br/>Give us to drink the wine of compassion,<br/>give us to eat the bread that is you;<br/>nourish us well, and teach us to fashion<br/>lives that are holy and hearts that are true.</p> <p>4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,<br/>not in some heaven, light years away—<br/>here in this place the new light is shining,<br/>now is the kingdom, and now is the day.<br/>Gather us in and hold us forever,<br/>gather us in and make us your own;<br/>gather us in, all peoples together,<br/>fire of love in our flesh and our bone.</p> |
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#### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, ✠ one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.  
Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.  
Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made  
known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## The Word

### Blessing of the Lector

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Send  
your Holy Spirit upon Kathy as she proclaims the word, so that all who receive it will no  
longer dwell in the shadows, but will have the light of life.

C: **Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

<sup>1</sup> **Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!**

**How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!**

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,**

**and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> **The Lord heals the brokenhearted**

**and binds up their wounds.**

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord counts the number of the stars**

**and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup> **Great is our Lord and mighty in power;**

**there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord lifts up the lowly,**

**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;**

**make music upon the harp to our God,**

<sup>8</sup> **who covers the heavens with clouds**

**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup> **God provides food for the cattle**

**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

<sup>10</sup> **God is not impressed by the might of a horse,**

**and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup> **but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,**

**in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am

not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.  
<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection and meditation*

## Hymn of the Day: "On Eagle's Wings"

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture  
you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

### *Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his  
hand.

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

## The Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## Offering Prayer

**A:** Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## The Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: Beloved: Eat and drink that you may be lifted up and healed.

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All eat bread and drink wine or juice at their seat.*

## Communion Hymn: “Healer of Our Every Ill”

### *Refrain*

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow

1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

## Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: “May You Run and Not Be Weary”

May you run and not be weary  
May your heart be filled with song  
And may the love of God  
Continue to give you hope  
And keep you strong

And may you run and not be weary  
May your life be filled with joy  
And may the road you travel  
Always lead you home

### Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude: Variations on *Salzburg*

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## Worship Leaders

The Rev. Emily Beckering, Pastor

Kris Keith, Music Director

Kate Wollenburg, Organist

Donald Harris, Assisting Minister

Kathy Hirt, Reader

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, February 7: 5 Epiphany**

10:30 am Worship

4 pm Zoom Sunday School

### **Monday, February 8**

7 pm Council Meeting (in-person)

### **Tuesday, February 9**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

7 pm Technology Upgrade Committee (Zoom)

### **Wednesday, February 10**

6:30 pm Bell Choir

### **Thursday, February 11**

7 pm St. Paul Players Board Meeting (Zoom)

### **Sunday, February 14: Transfiguration**

10:30 am Worship

After Worship: Annual Meeting

4 pm Zoom Fellowship Time

### **Tuesday, February 16**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

### **Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday**

7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

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## Our Life Together

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**If you have requests for the Prayer Chain**, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Jeannie Allen** (Faith Pirrmann's friend); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel**; **Louise Barry**; **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Beth** (Elinor Schieman's daughter); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Nicole Bucknam** (friend of Millers); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Christian**; **Frances Clemons** (Portmanns' friend); **Colin** (Millers' grandson); **Sandy Cordes**; **Kathy Curless**; **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Lee Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **George and Sherry** (Shirley Harbaugh's cousins); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Steve Gollehon** (Elinor Schieman's cousin); **Hannah**; **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton**; **Mary Ann Hudecki** (Linda Miller's sister), **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King**; **Jay King** (son of Jamie King); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Ruth Lohmeier**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Revea and Jim Mayhew** (Millers' sister & brother-in-law); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Ann Miller** (Millers' niece); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Doris Minton**; **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Jean Nolte**; **Ervin, Carol, Jim, and Jeannie Oerther** (Portmanns' sister and family); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Tom Pack** (Betty Pack's son); **Eric Papin**; **Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Richard Peterson** (Shirley Harbaugh's brothers); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Ginny Pape**; **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper**; **Faith Pirrmann**; **Pat Popplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Shear family** (Kings' daughter & son-in-law); **Kate Sheri-**

**dan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Patricia Smith** (Teresa Bell's mother); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Teresa** (friend of Marty Lohmeier); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner; Jeanne Wagner; Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

At the death of: **David Faulkner.**

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry, Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadin and Barry Wisecup).