



Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

*hebrews 13:1-2 NIV*

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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green

February 9, 2025

11:00am Worship

## FAMILY PROMISE SUNDAY 5th Sunday after Epiphany

### GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### PREPARATION

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### VOLUNTARY

*Grazioso*

Arnold B. Sherman

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;

to give as generously to others as you have given to us –

**For there are angels among us.**

Loving God, you call us to give you glory

in the compassion we show to one another –

**To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

We gather as one Body,

seeking to walk in the way you have set before us.

**We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

**Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

**God, have mercy on us and your people.**

For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to the Lord:

**God, have mercy on us and on your people.**

For the times we give in to despair and resignation when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to the Lord:

**God, have mercy on us and on your people.**

For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to the Lord:

**God, have mercy on us and on your people.**

*(Unison)* **Merciful God, hear our prayers. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people and support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Silent prayers of confession)***

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

God searches for the lost,

**God invites the hungry to the table,**

God sends Jesus,

**God forgives and heals us with mercy and grace.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

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.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 18: 1-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 13: 1-2

PROCLAMATION *Special guest Madison Sanders,  
Executive Director of Family Promise*

\*HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" SERVANT SONG

### RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH God creates and calls us; Jesus reconciles and redeems us; the Spirit energizes and empowers us for worship, love, and service. In response to God's love and forgiveness, we pledge to inspire each other to prayer, study, and stewardship; to cultivate an open, caring church where diverse gifts are discovered, respected, and employed; to minister faithfully to the poor, lonely, sick, and those in need; to reach out, sharing our faith, inviting and welcoming others into our fellowship; and to seek justice and healing in the church, community, and world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

OFFERING *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* G. Young/ K McChesney

\*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDRETH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 346 "For the Healing of the Nations" St. THOMAS (Wade)

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN "Walk In the Light" George D. Elderkin  
**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, Come where the dew-drops  
of mercy are bright; Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus,  
the light of the world.**

\*POSTLUDE

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