

Sebastopol United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 6, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – COMMUNION

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*If you would like to participate in Communion, please have your bread and juice
(or their substitutes) ready before beginning worship*
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Seasonal Theme:

Jesus calls his disciples and it dawns on them who this person is they are following.
Light for a dark world.

Theme for the Day:

If we ask and trust God, God will do it. We can also perform miracles on God's behalf.
An eye to see the possible will help.

Call to Worship:

*(please read the **BOLD** text, aloud or silently, as you prefer)*

Pastor: In the sanctuary, God, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

People: **Beside the sea along ordinary paths, to our daily work God calls us.**

Pastor: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

People: **In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.**

Pastor: Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

Unison: **We are listening for God's call in our lives. Amen.**

Centering and Prayer of Illumination:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently, as you prefer)

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, you have exalted your name and your word above everything. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things. Amen.

Readings from Scripture: **Psalm 138** **Luke 5:1-11**

PSALM 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

LUKE 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Message: **TRY AGAIN!**

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version (UMH 882)

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently, as you prefer)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Holy Communion

In peace and love, in gratitude and faith, I invite you to have your bread (or chips, crackers, etc.) and juice (or water, wine, etc.) ready. Let us come together to Christ's table.

*(we read the **BOLD** texts together)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

O God, you are the creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, to love and to be loved. You made a holy covenant with us and sent prophets to teach us your truth. When we turned away and were unfaithful, you kept faith with us.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we join in your praise, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Taking our form and flesh, Jesus came among us as a servant. He showed us the depth and power of your love. By his suffering, death, and resurrection you delivered us from sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread. He gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, *“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, *“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Remembering your gracious acts, we offer ourselves to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares:

[lifting the bread] Bread of Heaven,

[lifting the cup] Cup of Salvation,

[lifting bread and cup] Resurrection and Life.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit among us: in this bread, in this cup, in your people; one in the body, one in the blood, one with Christ, one in mission, one in ministry; in this place, in every place, in this world, and in the world to come. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

(we read together)

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. Amen.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

(we read together)

O God, we give you our thanks and praise. You feed us by your grace. You are with us in all our journeys. Give us courage and faith to serve you in all we do. Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. Enable us to be faithful and fruitful servants of the gospel and ministry to which you have called us. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:

*We have come to give praise to God and to say thank you for all that God has given us.
In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts before God.*

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently, as you prefer)

**Holy God, increase the strength of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries.
Expand the nets of our love, that we may reach deeply and share abundantly.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction and Blessing:

Listen for God's word. Answer Christ's call. Go into the deep and love courageously.
Rejoice in the harvest of grace...

*... and the people of God love to say (shout)... **AMEN!***

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Thank you for joining us in worship today.