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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.
We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

February 7, 2021
Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Black History Month

CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

People: in the rising sun, in the smile of another's face,

Pastor: in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

People: in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

Pastor: By this I have known the power of the Lord:

People: in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,

Pastor: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,

People: in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

PRAISING

OPENING HYMN:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 102

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Pastor: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,

People: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

Pastor: We shall mount up with wings like eagles.

People: We shall run and not be weary. We shall walk and not be faint.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you in this time of worship, weary and worn from our struggles during the week. We are weak and heavy-laden, and we feel powerless against the forces of evil that confront us. We wait upon you now, O God, whose understanding is unsearchable, and ask that you will renew our strength, enabling us to mount up with wings like eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint as we go forth once again to contract the powers of darkness with the Light of the World shining in our hearts. Amen

INTRIOT

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

No. 474

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

BLACK HISTORY MINUTE

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God, our Maker.

GENERAL CONFESSION

**When we cry out with words that hurt,
silence our cries
and speak gently through our words.
When we act in ways that hurt,
even when help is intended,
transform our hurtful actions with your grace.
When we forget that we are loved and called to love,
love us back into your likeness,
that your love might flow freely through us
and bring your love to the world.
In your holy presence of love, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Full of mercy and compassion, God knows us to the core of our being and loves us through all of our days.

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts;
People: **that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL IS READ

Mark 1:29-39

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

"The Power of Home"

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God offers us peace, strength, and love. As a sign of our thanksgiving and praise, let us offer our gifts to God.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For these gifts, we give you thanks, O Lord that we have something to share for your work. We give with a glad heart, and a hopeful spirit, trusting that your wisdom will guide as we allocate these gifts to your ministry. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Renewed and strengthened, let us go forth with faith and hope.

People: **Lifted by God, renewed by Christ, we go to be signs of love and grace.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Happy the Home When God Is There"

No. 445

'WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD'

LITURGIST: David Spencer