

Unity Moravian Church
February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Watchword for the Week:

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
Psalm 147:5

Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Rev. Joe Moore

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing
Donna Shore

arr. F. Hagen

Call to Worship Holy! Holy! Holy! The Lord Almighty is holy!

God's glory fills the world!

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Offering Our Prayers and Praises

Liturgy of Evangelism

Kay Vance

God of creation, whose love invites all people to receive the blessings reserved for us since the world began.

Grant ears of faith, that each one may clearly hear your gracious call.

God of salvation, whose love encompasses all humanity, who assumed flesh and blood and died that all might live.

Give eyes of faith, Lord Jesus, that everyone may plainly see you among us.

God of inspiration, whose love initiates new ways of reaching out to all who risk believing.

Guide our lives in faith, that we may willingly become your instruments of love and truth.

Slane #719

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

With gratitude to the Lord we remember our rich heritage of committed servants, who carried the good news to their neighbors throughout the world, who followed Jesus' command: Go to all people and make them my disciples.

We thank you, Eternal God, for those who have gone before us, faithful to the great commission. We praise you for imparting to us the same mission to reach others for Christ.

With humility before the Lord, we confess our sin:

When we fail to communicate Jesus' promise of new life,
When we have not reached beyond ourselves with the word entrusted to us,
When we retreat into comfortable sanctuaries
and do not seek to be a light to the nations,
When we become preoccupied with church involvement for its own sake,
and do not labor to proclaim salvation to the ends of the earth.

Forgive us, we pray.

When we fail to recognize that the measure of success is not only in the number of constituents, but also in the sincerity of conversion.
When we are too timid or afraid to speak the gospel message to those you want to hear it;
When we allow a life of ease to divert us from those who need your love through us.

Forgive us, we pray.

Touch our lips with the burning coals of your forgiveness,

And purify our hearts.

The Lord your Redeemer says: Now your guilt is gone and your sins are forgiven.

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*Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

**Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer**

Dana Myers

Special Music

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major
Donna Shore

J. S. Bach

Sharing God's Word

Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Rev. Joe Moore

New Testament

I Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

"Do You Not Know? Have You Not Heard?"

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

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*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Responding to God

Worship by Giving

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Donna Shore

arr. M. Bober

Ministry Opportunities

Dana Myers

Going Forth to Share God's Love

Throughout the ages God's call to mission summons a response.

We affirm our heartfelt yearning to reply.

God asks: Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?

**And like Isaiah, the answer flows from our soul and forms on our lips,
"I will go. Send me."**

God, our Redeemer, we share a longing to minister as partners, together with you and each other. Our desire is shaped by your will, our commitment is molded by your covenant.

**We dedicate ourselves again this day. We accept the challenge joyfully
to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.**

We covenant with you to be loving instruments of understanding and forgiveness among those to whom you send us.

**We promise anew to be living invitations for others to meet you as
Lord and Savior.**

We press on with resolve so that your word may spread rapidly and you may be glorified everywhere. We must work the works of him who sends us while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

We will go. Send us.

Hymn

Chosen and Sent by the Father

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*Chosen and sent by the Father before earth's creation,
Christ came from heaven in mercy to bring us salvation;
now he sends you- God's mighty plan to pursue:
go in the strength of his Spirit!*

*He conquered death and the grave, and our foe is defeated;
now ev'ry where must the story of hope be repeated;
so he sends you-daily his conquest renew:
live in the strength of his Spirit!*

*He will be in you, before and behind and beside you;
all that you need he has pledged by his blood to provide you;
thus he sends you-prove that his promise is true:
strong in the strength of his Spirit.*

Benediction

Rev. Joe Moore

PostludeWonderful Words of Life
Donna Shore

arr. W. Carr