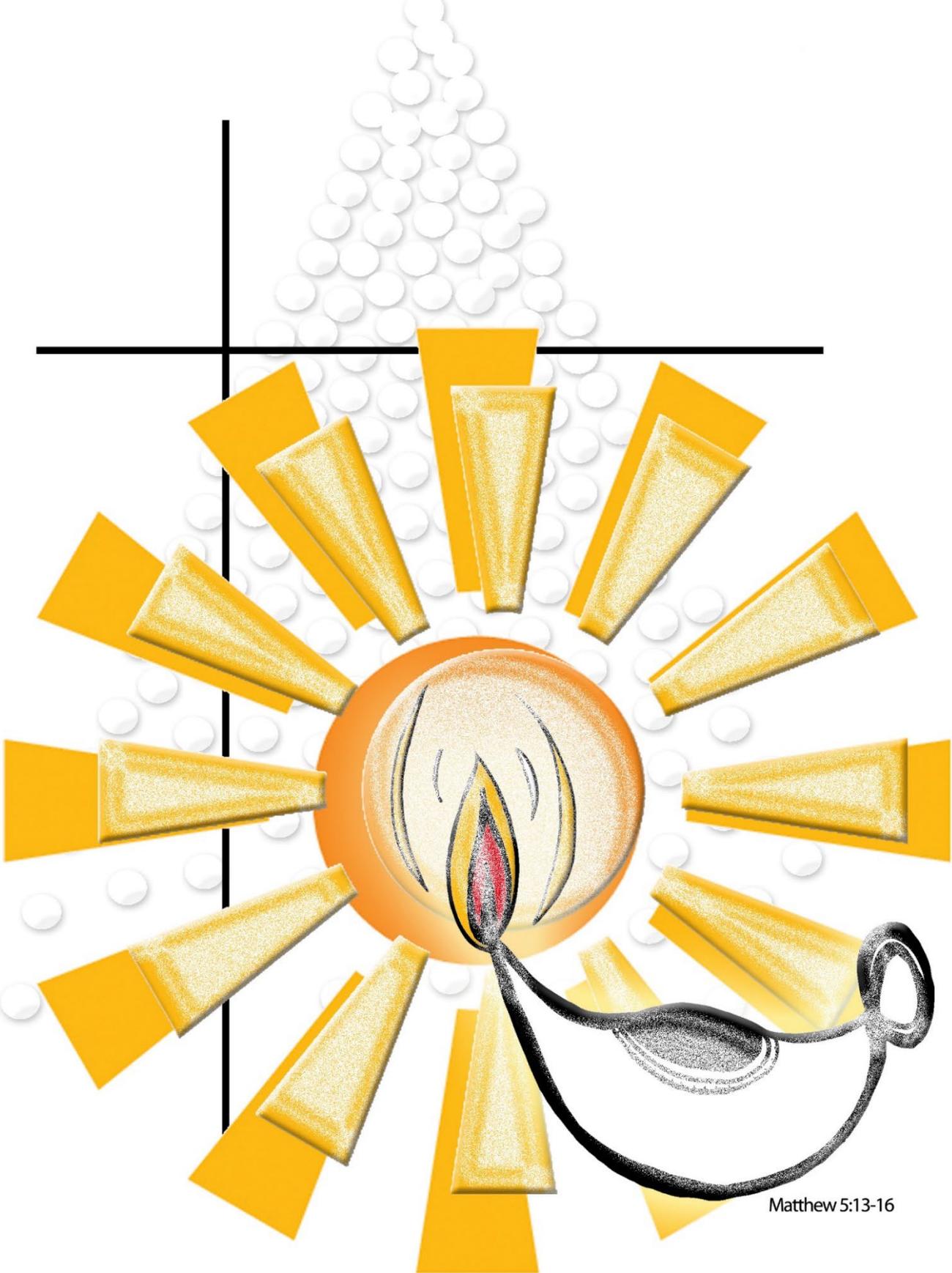


aBRIDGED Service

10:00 a.m.



Matthew 5:13-16

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome for the Interim Pastor

... Pastor Meyette,

We welcome you into our family, and pray God's blessings be upon you.

GATHERING

Greeting

The assembly stands.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"Amazing Grace"

Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

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**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Word

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light

to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Pastor Dennis Meyette

Prayers

The assembly stands.

Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

The assembly is seated.

The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

"Light of the World"

Lauren Daigle

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on Earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing
Glory to the light of the world
Glory, the light of the world is here
The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love
Come down, come down, Emmanuel
Oh, He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come
He has come, Emmanuel
Glory to the light of the world
For all who wait
For all who hunger
For all who've prayed
For all who wonder
Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world

**Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
The world waits for the miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

Communion

The assembly stands.

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Song

"You Say"

Lauren Daigle

**I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know
Ooh-oh
You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And you say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe (I)
Oh, I believe (I)
What You say of me (I)
I believe**

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The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me

In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

And you say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours

And I believe (I)

Oh, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

Oh, I believe

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet

You have every failure, God, You have every victory

Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

You say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours

And I believe (I)

Oh, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

I believe

Oh, I believe (I)

Yes, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

I believe

Communion Blessing

The assembly stands.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Amen.

Sending Song

“This Little Light of Mine”

Traditional

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine, yeah

This little light of mine

I'm gonna to let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine

Let it Shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

And everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine

Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine,

Even in my home, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it Shine, Let it Shine Let it Shine

Dismissal

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dennis Meyette
Assisting Ministers	Donna Batchelor Gerry Berger Kimberly Duke Linda MacMonigle Pennie Anderson
Vocals	Emily Capps
Piano	Nick Sperry
Altar Guild	Teri Smith
Ushers	Janine Jung Don Lasky Kay Hines Melynda Whitnall

- February 5: **Worship @ 8:30, 10:00am (Contemporary) & 11:00am**
- February 5: **Sunday School @ 9:45am**
- February 5: **Youth Group @ 5pm**
- February 6: **Garden Angels @ 8am**
- February 6: **WELCA Dorcas Quilting @ 9am**
- February 6: **Soul Sisters @ 1pm**
- February 6: **VICA Winter Series @7:00pm**
- February 7: **Scripture Study with Donna Bachelor @10:00am at VOTI**
- February 7: **Widow's Luncheon @ 12noon**
- February 7: **Mahjong @ 1pm**
- February 7: **Property Committee @ 1pm**
- February 7: **Nominating Committee @ 1:30pm**
- February 8: **Christian Education Committee @ 10am**
- February 8: **Joyful Ringers Rehearsal @ 10:15am**
- February 8: **Choir Rehearsal @ 4pm**
- February 8: **Call Committee @ 5pm**
- February 9: **Thursdays Together, @10am, Zoom**
- February 9: **I Peter Bible Study, @1pm, Office Center/Zoom**
- February 11: **Altar Guild @ 9am**
- February 11: **Chili Cookoff @ 6pm**
- February 11: **Worship @ 5pm in Sanctuary**

Salt and Light

What we believe about ourselves has the power to shape our behavior in profound ways. If we believe we aren't good enough or are unwanted, that will likely show up in the way we carry ourselves, in the way we interact with others, and in the opportunities we seek out or don't. On the other hand, if we know that we are loved or if we feel like we belong, we will probably bring more assurance to our interactions with others, and will be more likely to take risks and to reach out and engage with our communities.

Similarly, our identity as disciples of Jesus has the power to shape the way we live. It all starts with who Jesus says we are. "You are the salt of the earth," Jesus tells his disciples. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Used masterfully, it brings out the best in the other flavors of a dish. It can pull other elements together to help create a new thing. Light nurtures life. It can comfort, energize, and help make things clear. Together, salt and light sustain, nourish, and welcome new life in the world around them.

What kind of people would we be if we really believed we were the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Nurturers, sustainers, co-creators with God in making all things new? What fears could we let go if we simply trusted that we are who Jesus says we are? What risks would we take? How would we show up in our communities? As we gather for worship today, we are invited to hear anew this identity we are given in Christ. Then, nourished by word and sacrament, we are sent forth with the promise that Christ is forever at work in us, keeping us as salt and light in all times and places.

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