



## ***FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

February 9, 2025

10:00 am

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*\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Thank you, God, for gathering us.*

*Remind us again of your love.*

**The good news of the gospel is this:  
the God of all creation came to dwell among us,  
and will keep us throughout eternity.**

*God went to the depths of hell to gather us all.*

*In Christ's resurrection we are drawn again to the  
presence of God.*

**This is good news for all who hear.**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us and keep us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world, and to be healed and set free.**

**[silence]**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

## RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT – Philippians 1:3-11      Rosemary Cole

*“the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.”*

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*“Amazing Grace”*

GOSPEL – John 10:25-29

*“no one will snatch them from my hand.”*

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

*“What Do We Mean When We Say  
‘Perseverance of the Saints?’”*

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD

649, v. 3

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

HYMN\*    *“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”*    837

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE\*    547, v. 2

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
    what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

