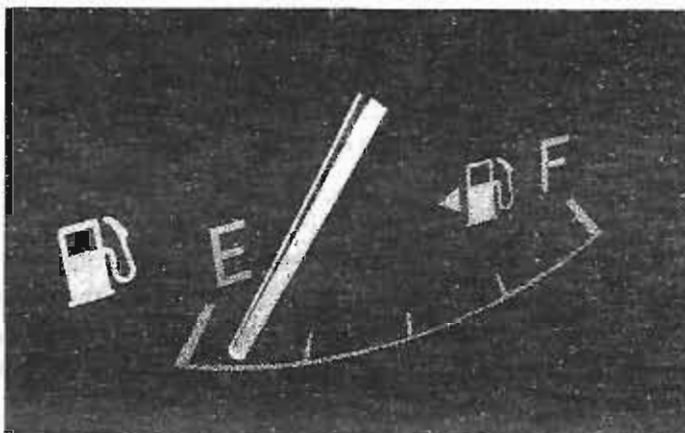


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VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

February 9, 2020
5th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

There Is a Redeemer

Green/ Raney

OPENING PRAYER

All: In order for you to move in us, O Lord, we need to open the door. In some ways, that's the hardest step. We can be that mountain which seems impossible to move. Through our joys and our fears, our laughter as well as our tears, move us this morning, God. The door is open. Welcome. In the name of the One who said, "nothing is impossible," we pray. Amen.

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*SINGING

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 420

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we

**All who are able, please stand.*

give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

On Eagle's Wings

No. 143

All: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Doerkson/Schrader

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-3

The Message

MESSAGE

Empty

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

No. 474

During the hymn communion will be offered by intinction to all those who wish to participate. Please follow the Worship Team leaders.

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Rise Up and Serve the Lord

Harris/Walter

CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

Pastor Katherine can always be reached by e-mail (pastorkatherinem@gmail.com) or on her cell phone (401.683.8445).

Blessed

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the realm of God.

—Matthew 5.3

When you have nothing
then God fills your life.

When you are powerless
there is nothing but the infinite power of God.

When you are stripped naked
you are clothed in the glory God gave you.

It is in darkness and chaos
that God creates.

When you are on the cross,
you are where God saves; when you are in the grave,
you are where God raises us up.

When you are weak and discouraged, alone and hurting, in that lowest place,
you are in the very place where Christ comes:
you are accompanied;
you are blessed.

What we most fear is all we desire:
to lose everything,
falling in love until all we have is love
and the Beloved.

Empty your life
and all will be God.