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5th Sunday after Epiphany



**SHINE YOUR  
LIGHT.  
SHARE GOD'S  
LOVE!**

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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service  
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

We gather and worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

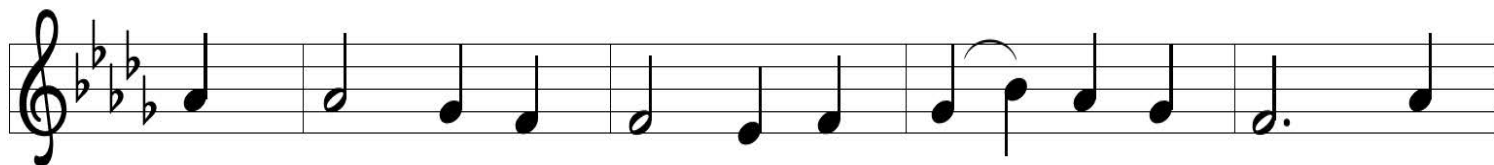
Most Merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen!**

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

# When Peace, like a River

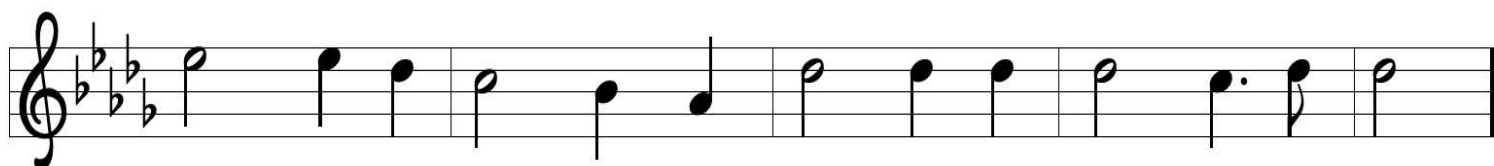
## *It Is Well with My Soul*



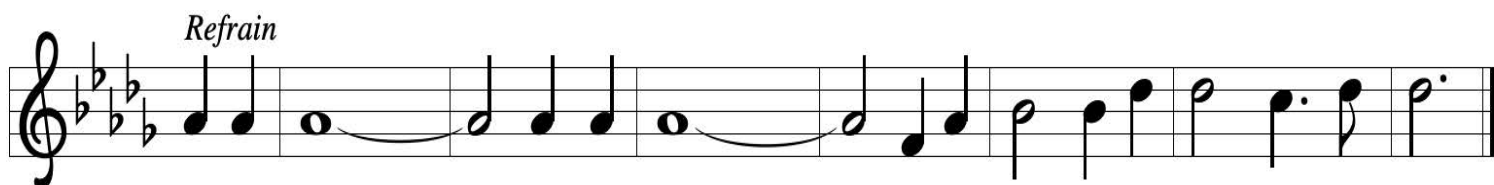
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly' are written below the notes.

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics 'Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er'. The notation is in the same key and time signature as the first system.

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.'. The notation ends with a double bar line. The key signature changes to B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature changes to 8/8 for the final measure.

## **Call to Worship** from Psalm 112

**<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!**

<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.**

<sup>4</sup> Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

**<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.**

<sup>6</sup> For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

**<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**

<sup>8</sup> Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

**<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their  
righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.**

<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their  
teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

*The first reading is from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 2nd chapter*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter

### Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> "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.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In 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.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For 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. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, 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. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”<sup>1</sup>

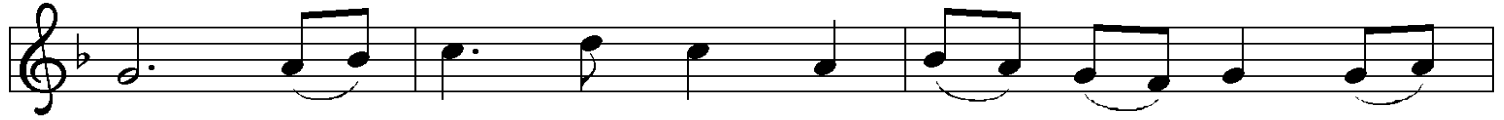
The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – Rev. Paul Grothe**

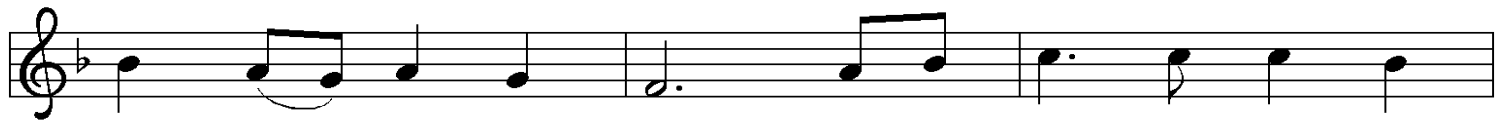
# All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.



Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Receive our prayer**)

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

Choir offering – Shine on Me

### **Offering Prayer**

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **Invitation to Communion**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

All are welcome

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**Blessing** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way,  
May God go with you!  
May He go before you..to show you the way;  
May He go behind you...to encourage you;  
Beside you...to befriend you;  
Above you...to watch over you;  
And within you...to give you His Peace!  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen  
God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✝ bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

### "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**