

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.* I Corinthians 2: 2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE: *Berceuse*.....G. Fauré (1845-1924)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Celebration*, pages 43-47

GENERAL LITURGY 7

Celebration

(Standing)

In the beginning was God — creating, giving birth to the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and in darkness. But God spoke into the emptiness, and light appeared: the dawn of our beginnings. God kept creating — flowers, trees, seeds, and fruit: things that blossom and things that grow. God created more — life that crawled and life that swam, life that sprang on hooves, and life that soared on wings!

The sun, the moon, the stars burst forth as light; the skies and the earth were filled with life — plants, creatures, and birds of every kind. And God rejoiced saying: It is good!

From the midst of this earth came yet another creature, created in God's image. There in the bounty of the garden God crafted humanity — male and female. God breathed into them life-giving breath. God looked upon these creatures with love and said: It is good! Then God rested, seeing and loving what had been done, setting free this creation with all its potential for good and evil.

Gracious God, thank you for the goodness of creation — for the variety, the beauty, and the delicate complexity of life, your creation! Forgive us for the times we have not appreciated or cared for all you have given to us. Open our eyes; restore our hearts; and bring us back into relationship with you, the earth, and all of life.

GENERAL 7: CELEBRATION

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y

thun - der, thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee, how great thou

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to

thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

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(Sitting)

The diversity of life is nowhere more profound than among human beings. We are many colors, shapes, and ages. Language, music, culture, and custom vary among us. We are a great tapestry woven from God's love.

Artful Weaver, you ask that we share your love with others, just as Jesus reached out and loved those most different from himself. Too often we fall short of this call, seeing differences as cause for fear rather than for celebration. Instead of caring for the tapestry, we unravel the fabric of your design. We perpetuate divisions by race and color, culture, class, and gender.

We give you thanks and praise that Jesus reveals your boundless love. Teach us this love, that the world may be one. Through your healing love, help us to break down the boundaries dividing the human family.

ST. PETER (14 T)

Join hands dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.

All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.

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Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, gave hope to the hopeless. Jesus challenges his followers to continue his ministry, asking us to feed, clothe, and give shelter, saying: As you do these things for the least of these, you do them for me.

We pray that we will hear the cries of need, and that we will not only hear, but join with others who respond in loving action.

GENERAL 7: CELEBRATION

IN LOVING PARTNERSHIP

We are the hands and feet of Christ, serv - ing by

grace each oth - er's need. We dare to risk and

sac - ri - fice with truth - ful word and faith - ful deed.

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We remember the birthing of the church: when the people who had gathered for prayer and praise were filled with the Holy Spirit.

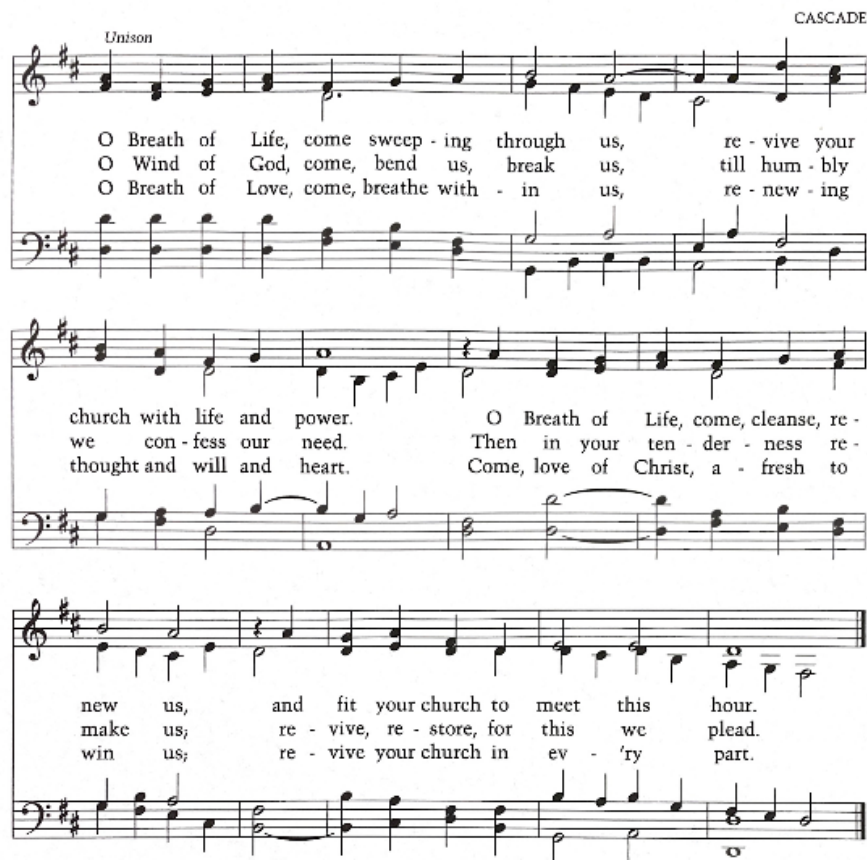
We remember how the Spirit came upon them like fire, like wind — surrounding them, exciting them, opening their eyes and hearts to the power and presence of God. The Spirit-filled church could not stop — singing praises to God, reaching out to each other's need, spreading the word of God's power and God's love. We remember this beginning and pray that the church will be infused with new life through the Spirit — calling us, claiming us, summoning us to the excitement and joy of faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts and impart your gifts again to the church.
Blow through us and within us like a renewing, powerful wind.**

GENERAL 7: CELEBRATION

[Standing]

Unison CASCADE



O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive your
 O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till hum - bly
 O Breath of Love, come, breathe with - in us, re - new - ing

church with life and power. O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re -
 we con - fess our need. Then in your ten - der - ness re -
 thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, a - fresh to

new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
 make us; re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
 win us; re - vive your church in ev - 'ry part.

As God created the heavens, the earth, and life itself, may God give birth to new life in us. May God's love be known to us today through Jesus Christ. And as tiny pebbles thrown into a pond cause ripples to move outward in ever-widening circles, may our love move from this place outward — expanding to embrace our neighbors, our community, our human family, and our world.

May all that we do and say and live be a witness, be a prayer, and be a celebration!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Isaiah 58: 1-12
Psalm 112: 1-10

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in the commandments of the Lord.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their adversaries.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire 590

1 Though I may speak ____ with brav - est fire, ____ and have the
 2 Though I may give ____ all I pos - sess, ____ and striv - ing
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, ____ our hearts con - trol, ____ our spir - its

gift ____ to all in - spire, ____ and have not love: ____
 so ____ my love pro - fess, ____ but not be giv'n ____
 long ____ to be made whole. ____ Let in - ward love ____

— my words are vain ____ as sound - ing brass, ____ and hope - less gain.
 — by love with - in, ____ the prof - it soon ____ turns strange - ly thin.
 — guide ev - 'ry deed, ____ by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

TEXT: Hal Hopson (1972)

TUNE: Hal Hopson (1971); based on traditional English melody

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GIFT OF LOVE

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow
 Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-101.*

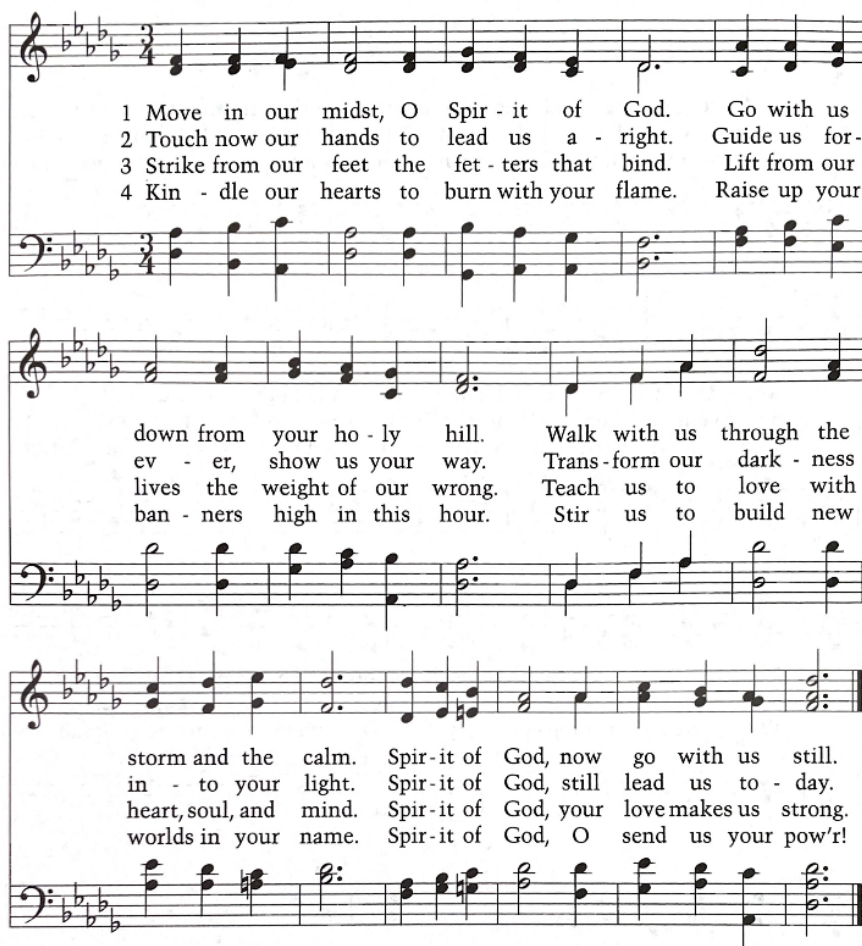
HYMN 590 - *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*T. Gift of Love

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5: 13-20.....Rev. Andrew L. Heil

SERMON - *Taste and See*

HYMN 489 - *Move in Our Midst*.....T. Pine Glen

Move in Our Midst



1 Move in our midst, O Spir - it of God. Go with us
 2 Touch now our hands to lead us a - right. Guide us for -
 3 Strike from our feet the fet - ters that bind. Lift from our
 4 Kin - dle our hearts to burn with your flame. Raise up your

down from your ho - ly hill. Walk with us through the
 ev - er, show us your way. Trans - form our dark - ness
 lives the weight of our wrong. Teach us to love with
 ban - ners high in this hour. Stir us to build new

storm and the calm. Spir - it of God, now go with us still.
 in - to your light. Spir - it of God, still lead us to - day.
 heart, soul, and mind. Spir - it of God, your love makes us strong.
 worlds in your name. Spir - it of God, O send us your pow'r!

TEXT: Kenneth I. Morse (1942, 1949), *The Brethren Hymnal* (1951)TUNE: Perry L. Huffaker (1950), *The Brethren Hymnal* (1951)From *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, Brethren Press, Elgin, IL

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PINE GLEN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving/portal/>. Click the "Give Now" button on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to HomeMoravian.org/online-giving. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Blessed are the Poor in Spirit*T. Bombick, arr. Jill Bruckart (2022) Choir; Peter Shanahan, Flute

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDRev. Tobiassen

HYMN 593 - *How Great the Bliss*.....T. *Agnus Christi*

593 How Great the Bliss to Be a Sheep of Jesus

1 How great the bliss to be a sheep of Je - sus, and
 2 Here is a pas - ture, rich and nev - er fail - ing, here
 3 Who - e'er would spend their days in last - ing plea - sure must

to be guid - ed by his shep - herd - staff! Earth's great - est hon - ors,
 liv - ing wa - ters in a - bun - dance flow; none can con - ceive the
 come to Christ and join his flock with speed; here is a feast pre -

how - so - e'er they please us, com - pared to this are
 grace with them pre - vail - ing, who Je - sus' shep - herd -
 pared, rich be - yond mea - sure, the world mean - while on

vain and emp - ty chaff. Yea, what this world can nev - er give, may,
 voice o - bey and know. He ban - ish - es all fear and strife, and
 emp - ty husks must feed. Those souls may share in ev - 'ry good whose

through the Shep-herd's grace, each need-y sheep re-ceive.
 leads them gen-tly on to ev-er-last-ing life.
 Shep-herd does pos-sess the trea-sur-ies of God.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord**While singing, we offer the right hand of fellowship.*

SERVICE MUSIC

832 The Grace of Our Lord

The grace of our Lord Je-sus Christ, and the love of
 God, and the com-mu-nion of the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 be with us all, be with us all. A-men.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13
 TUNE: Christian Gregor [1763]

Irregular
 [540 E]

The congregation may be seated for a time of reflection, or exit quietly during the postlude.

POSTLUDE: *Giga* from "Sonata in F Major"G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the Lovefeast Serving Room (to the right of the Sanctuary) and enjoy fellowship in the Sanctuary or outside.

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in memory of *Forrest and Gene Vogler* by Mosby and Meredith Vogler, John and Katherine Vogler, Blake and Amelia Vogler Tedder, and Parker and Whitley Vogler Sheffield.

The Home Church Safety Ministry Team will be holding a refresher training class on the use of our Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. The training will be held in the Parlor and is open to all members of Home Church. If you plan to have supper before the training make a reservation with the church office. If you have questions or need additional information contact Tony Disher at 336-345-2508.

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

NURSERY, CE-105: *A Father's Wish*

GODLY PLAY, 10:20 a.m., CE-101 (ages 3 and up): *The Most Important Commandment*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15

a.m.: Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

Epiphany Mission, Parlor and Zoom

Zoom link for all adult programming:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83528560373> Meeting ID: 746 033 5693

Passcode: 34568983

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*

Andrew L. Heil, *Associate Pastor*

Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music*

Jonathan Williams, *Organist*

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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)

CALENDAR

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-101

11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

Scripture Encore, Parlor and Zoom

11:15 a.m. - Children's Choir, CE-101

11:30 a.m. - Youth, Lunch at Señor Bravo

2:00 p.m. - Reception for Kathy Barnes, Parlor

Monday - 9:20 a.m. - Pilates Class (all are welcome), CE-201

12:00 p.m. - Circle 7, Saal

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Breakfast Group, Club Room

2:00 p.m. - Living Faith, Club Room

7:00 p.m. - Board of Elders, Club Room
 Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast, Arthur's
 10:00 a.m. - Circle 9, Parlor & Zoom
 11:30 a.m. - Circle 4, Bleu Restaurant
 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
 6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Program
 7:00 p.m. - Inquirers' Class, Saal
 Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
 Friday - 9:30 a.m. - Circle 6, Parlor
 Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery
 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
 10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-101
 11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom
 Scripture Encore, Parlor and Zoom
 11:15 a.m. - Children's Choir, CE-101

PERSONALS

Recovering at home: Liz Goode, Mallie Graham, Joe Madaras

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

February 8, 2023

Community meal at 5:45pm / Evening Program at 6:45pm

Menu: Breakfast: egg casserole, cinnamon bread, fruit

Program: *Drawing Near Through Spiritual Practice* with Andrew Heil

RSVP to the church office on **Mondays by 5 p.m.** with your reservation or to cancel your reservation. Contact the church office for more information, (336) 722-6171 or jshore@homemoravian.org. This is very important so that enough food is prepared.

----- Tear off and place in offering plate -----

Wednesday Night Fellowship Reservation

\$5 per adult, \$3 per child ages 4-11, children 3 and under eat free

Name _____ Children 4-11

_____ Standing Reservations _____ Attending this week only _____

Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____