

WORSHIP BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 5, 2012

Epiphany is the Season of Light! Our scripture texts in worship show us God's power to dispel the darkness—in Jesus' bold, healing, loving life and in the life of everyone who follows him. Will we live such a life? Will we shine like Jesus? We have important choices to make in the Season of Epiphany!



“God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.”

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Michael

RINGING OF THE BELL TO OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come All You People

Choir sings the verse, and the congregation repeats it twice.

**Come all you people! Come and praise your Maker.
Come all you people! Come and praise your Maker.
Come all you people! Come and praise your Maker.
Come now, and worship the Lord!**

*God of the Sparrow
New Century Hymnal, #32 (found on shelf under seat)*

**God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,
How does your creature cry Woe? How does creature cry Save?**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?**

**God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Many: Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

They Shall Soar Like Eagles – Laura Manzo

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Gospel of Mark 1:29-39

As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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Many: Amen.

MESSAGE

"Our Miraculous Power"

Pastor Michael

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SONG RESPONSE

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
New Century Hymnal, #556

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space.
We, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

**We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.**

**As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor, well begun;
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

All Hail the Power

arr. Larson

SONG OF THANKS AND PRAISE

Doxology

Melody: *New Century Hymnal, #780*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

A CELEBRATION OF THE GIFTS AT THE TABLE OF LIFE

**Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah. Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah.
Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah. Hallelujah, halle – lu – jah. Repeat**

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

“Power Food”

Pastor Michael

REMEMBERING THE WORDS OF JESUS AT THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

(Use the words below or words familiar to you.)

Our Creator 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

(Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey in life, you are welcome to participate in sharing the gifts of life at this table!)

COMMUNION SONG

On Eagle's Wings

Choir

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in God's shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain – 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.**

Choir

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
Under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall around you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

For to the angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against the stone.
Refrain

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

COMMISSIONING FOR ALL

One: God, you send us forth—

Many: filled with your mighty power

One: and inspired to use it

Many: to bring healing, hope, and compassion to a world in need!

PARTING SONG

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
New Century Hymnal, #12

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, O God are present there.**

BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE IN SONG

Shalom To You

(Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning Peace. During this sharing of peace, we link hands and raise them during the final line.)

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

GOING FORTH MUSIC

Ash Grove Variations

arr. Helvey

After worship, please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Please wear your name tag or create a name tag on the table in the Sanctuary foyer.

WELCOME

Join us every Sunday before worship in **Café Esperanza** in the youth building. **Adult classes** on Sundays are in the youth room, next door to Café Esperanza.

Child care is available beginning at 9:00am in the pre-school building for children six weeks through five years of age.

Our children's program, Sunday Adventure, is from 9:15am until 9:55am in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Rob Brittain, Director of Student Ministries, at 522-7244 or studentministries.collegeavenue@gmail.com.

For assistance in the office during the week or to have a **prayer request listed** in our Weekly email Update, contact Michele Logue, Administrative Assistant, at 522-7244 or office@cacc-ucc.org.

Digital worship bulletin available for smartphones online at www.cacc-ucc.org.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship and Leader
Choir Director/Pianist
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Reader
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Ushers
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Rev. Michael Schiefelbein (pastor@cacc-ucc.org)
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Andrea Duroy
Ray McElroy
Casey Tinnin
Norval Johnson and Dave Landon
Richard Oliver
Charlie Jensen and Mark McKee

Welcome New Child Care Worker, Melanie Stoner. Melanie is a pre-kindergarten teacher at KinderCare in Ripon. Kyle Gagliardi will be temporarily assisting Melanie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Super Bowl Party, today, 3pm, Fireside Room. All youth in grades 5th - 12th are invited to come to our annual Super Bowl party! Bring a beverage, snack, and board game to share!

Movie Night, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7:30pm, Youth Building. All are welcome!

Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 9, 5pm, Fireside Room.

Lay Care Team Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 9, 6pm, Pastor's Office.

Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, Feb. 9, 7pm, Fellowship Hall.

The P.L.A.C.E Youth Group meets, Thursday, Feb. 9, 7pm, Fellowship Hall.
For LGBTQA Youth, ages 14-20.

Sunday Morning Class for Adults: "FAQs about the Bible," Sundays, 9am, Youth Room. Come explore questions like these: Do we believe in the Bible? When was it written and how? How does the UCC read it? What's the best way to begin reading?

"No-Change" 2012 Budget Approved. Thanks to all those who added to their pledges, bringing us to a pledge total of \$189,022 and allowing us to approve a no-change budget. For a balanced budget, we still need \$19,000. If you haven't pledged, please consider doing so. If you have, please consider adding to your pledge. Just \$10 extra dollars per week would be a total of almost \$500. Pledge cards are located on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Building Loan Status: Project Total: \$475,000. Current Loan Balance: \$183,288.

Congregational Giving – December			
Pledged Giving:	\$25,036	(Pledges Due: \$16,636)	
Other Offerings:	\$8,073	Special Offerings:	\$439
Building Use:	\$1,470	Inter-faith Ministries:	\$260
Total Income:	\$34,579	Total Outreach Giving:	\$699
Total Expenses:	\$19,471	YTD Deficit:	\$6,861