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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 9, 2014**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

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.**

### **Centering Music**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

P. Manz

*Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Jesus says: You are salt of the earth.

**We come to have our zest restored.**

Jesus says: You are light for the world.

**We come to be renewed by the Spirits' flame.**

Jesus calls us in, then sends us forth:

**Restored and renewed in the power of his reign.**

**\*Gathering Song NCH #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

**\*Silent Confession ending with: (3x)**

Ostinato Refrain

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949  
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949  
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**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Children's Message**

Hannah Hannover

**Sung Prayer for Illumination NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 1**

***Be now my vision, O God of my heart;  
nothing surpasses the love you impart--  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.***

## Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9 (Please read responsively)

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

**Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.**

2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

3 **"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"**

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

5 **Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to God?**

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

7 **Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9 **Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.**

Matthew 5:13-20 (pg. 5 in the NT of your pew Bible)

**Sung Response** NCH # "Be Now My Vision" v. 2

***Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me,  
now and forever your child I will be***

**Sermon** "Seasoned with Justice, Shining with Grace" Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*Song** NCH #181 "You are Salt for the Earth, O People"

**Commissioning of Congregational Leaders** (see insert)

## Prayers of the People *beginning with: (2x)*

### Ostinato Chorale



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## The Lord's Prayer

*Please join in praying the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:*

**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.**

## Offering of Gifts

“Lord, Speak to Me”

Hal H. Hopson

The gifts of the world, of this day, of our lives, come to us from God's open hands. Let us now open our hands in gratitude.

## Prayer of Dedication

**These gifts are our sign of gratitude to you. Through them, may hungry hearts be fed; through them, may others know your joy. Amen.**

\*Song NCH #524

“This Little Light of Mine”

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Sending Music