



**Order of Worship  
February 6, 2022  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship  
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Is This Not Bread?*

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Dan Ensor

"Would those who are able please stand for the Call to Worship."

We are here, Lord. Now what?

**Follow me!**

We have dedicated our lives to study, Lord. Now what?

**Follow me!**

But, we have families, and responsibilities, Lord.

**Follow me!**

The days of our lives are filled with hurriedness and important task, Lord.

**Follow me!**

There are bills to pay, obligations to honor, aspirations to fulfill, Lord.

**Follow me!**

I want to serve you, love your people, and glory your name, but really know how, Lord.

**Follow me!**

Can't it wait?

**Follow me!**

Where? For how long?

**Follow me!**

**Hymn** (See last page)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**Children's Message**

Susan Whitman

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Debra

**Ministry of Music**

*Simple Faith*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)**

Dan Ensor

**Wondrous Spirit, gather our minds that they may be one with you. Open our ears that they may hear your Word. Soften our hearts that they may receive your wisdom. Speak to us for we, your servants, are listening. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Dan Ensor

**A Vision of God in the Temple**

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**New Testament Reading**

Pastor Debra

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the

fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

### Sermon

*Unclean Lips*

Pastor Debra

### Invitation to Holy Communion

Pastor Debra

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debra

O God, we confess to you that we are a people of unclean lips:  
**we have complained aloud;**  
**we have spoken harshly to others;**  
**we have used sarcasm.**

Forgive us, Merciful God.

**We know that our lips reflect our hearts.**

O God, we ask that you create us to be people of grateful hearts:

**let us rejoice aloud;**  
**let us speak kindly to others;**  
**let us use patience.**

Thank You Merciful God

**for your patience;**  
**for your kindness;**  
**for your joy. Amen.**

## **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

Pastor Debra

*Offertory*

*Meditation*

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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*

Dan Ensor

Increase the strength of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand the nets of our love, that we may reach deeply and share abundantly. In Christ's name, we pray.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In ancient days, you created us in your image, and called us to be your people. Even when we turned away and ignored your voice, you pursued us and called us: through the proclamation of your law, the words of your prophets, and the wisdom of your poets and storytellers.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to call us yet again: on the shores of Galilee, in crowded markets, and on dusty roads, inviting us to risk everything, and to place our trust in you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you and blessed in your Son, Christ Jesus, who called to his disciples, even as he shared a final meal with them, calling one and all to remember and reflect when we eat of the bread and partake of the cup.

“Take, eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

“Drink from this, all of you.

This is my life, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here, that we may answer your call and be your people. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may nourish and strengthen us to go into deep waters when you call us to take a risk. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, both now and forevermore. Amen.

### **The Lord’s Prayer (All Praying)**

**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.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

The bread of life, strengthening you, to answer Christ’s call.

The cup of life, blessing you, to live in faith and grace.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Dan Ensor

**We thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences. We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn** (See last page)

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

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### **Benediction**

Pastor Debra and Dan

Look for the signs of the holy and mysterious one everywhere!

Listen for the sound of seraph wings and voices.

Feel the trembling beneath your feet that heralds heavenly voices.

Know that these mysteries have already entered your very lives and beings, children of God! More mysteries await you.

May the Holy and Mysterious One visit you this week.

And may the Holy and Mysterious One give you every strength and peace.

**All: Amen. We go in peace.**

**Sung Benediction**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.**

**Postlude**

*Rise Up and Serve The Lord*

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

## ***Would I Have Answered When You Called***

*Would I have answered when you called,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind  
Both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round  
Have held me by its claim  
And kept the spark within my heart  
From bursting into flame?*

*Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown,  
by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
where home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught  
would not disturb  
the ordered world I knew?*

*Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, "Crucify!"  
When on a rocky hill I saw  
a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
A dying king  
with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?*

*O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"  
You'll give me strength beyond my own  
to follow faithfully.*