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*Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve*

Communion Sunday
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 6, 2022
9:30 a.m.

(Services are being recorded)

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All Members of the Church, Ministers
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Lead Pastor
Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music

PRELUDE

GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

GREETING

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you. I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, who breaks down the barriers that divide us. It doesn't matter where you've come from or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog 'Hold Fast to What Is Good', used with permission
Children of God: welcome!

Rev. Tanya

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tanya

We worship a God who loves us in spite of our failures, who embraces us even when we fall short. The act of confession helps us remember the length and depth of God's grace toward us, and reminds us of our commitment to turn away from behaviors that diminish us and inhibit divine love from flowing freely through us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon

Giver of Life, and Restorer of lives or choices gone wrong, we confess our struggle to be the people you want us to be; to demonstrate compassionate regard for all people and attentive care for the planet you've entrusted us to steward well. Forgive us when we stray from your intentions and hopes for us. And renew the resolve within us to conform more fully to your ways, guided foremost by love. In the name of our brother and teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News, from the very One who came to show us how to live and love as God intended: Though we cannot always see it, the power of God's love is far greater and more eternal than any other force at work in this world. And there is nothing we can do, nothing we can leave undone, that will finally sever us from God's love for us. We are forgiven, and invited to live in the light of that Love. . . thanks and glory be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION written by Rev. Sarah Speed, used with permission, adapted by tnsr.

Deacon

Holy God, you speak to us in Scripture and in prayers, in sunrises and sunsets, in friends and in strangers, in dreams and in songs. You are speaking all the time, yet how often do we miss your messages? Quiet our minds so that we can listen with, and for, a depth that we have not practiced, or heard, before. Still our hearts so that we can receive openly what it is you are offering us today. We know you are speaking, so we are listening. Gratefully we pray, amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Perfectly Loved Despite Our Imperfections

Rev. Tanya

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRIST

Passing the Friendship Register: please let us know you were here, and if you'd like for us to contact you by including your phone, address or email. Please feel free to take notice of the names of those sharing a pew with you, in case you have opportunity to greet them after the service.

INVITATION TO GIVE & RECEIVE DIVINE GIFTS

(please refer to separate Announcements page)

Financial contributions are gratefully received at the entrances to Meetinghouse and Fellowship Stairs; or, to initiate Online Giving: Go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Liturgy from: *The New Women Included: A Book of Services and Prayers* by the St. Hilda Community, adapted.

God is with us.

God's Spirit is here.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who gives us life.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving, culminating with the words:

"...who have sustained the work of your resurrected Body through the ages, we praise you, proclaiming:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Pastor recites The Words of Institution, ending with words:
“...Let us declare the mystery of our faith:

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

The Pastor recites The Words of Institution, ending with words:

“In the name of Christ we pray:”

Through him, with him, in him,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be given to you,

O God our Source and Inspiration, now and forever. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

Please come forward to receive the Communion elements via the center aisle at the direction of our Deacons, returning to your seat via the side aisles. When you have been seated, you may eat the bread in acknowledgement that each of us shares a unique and personal relationship with God in Christ. We ask that you hold onto your cup so that we might all drink as one Body.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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THE LIGHT AND WORD GUIDE US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***OUR COMMON COMMISSION**

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Deborah Lee Kitchen, caring, spirited mother and grandmother. In remembrance, the. Stephenson Family.

Deacons this morning are Kevin Duquette, Paul Edmunds and Tom Hildreth.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hardy Hall immediately following service.