

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 7, 2020

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

“On Eagle’s Wings”
By Michael Joncas

Joyce Harris

WELCOME

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

PEOPLE: **Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

LEADER: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; (Isa. 40:31)

PEOPLE: **they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

LEADER: they shall run and not be weary;

PEOPLE: **they shall walk and not faint.**

GATHERING PRAYER

**Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ
and spread the good news of your love for all people.
Help us to become all things to all people
that we might reach many with your good news. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #160 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
(Jesus, the Light of the World)

*Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ child bring, Jesus the light of the world.*

Refrain

*We will follow the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dew drops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus the light of the world*

*Christ by highest heaven adored, Jesus the light of the world;
Christ the everlasting Word, Jesus the light of the world.*

Refrain

*We will follow the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dew drops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus the light of the world*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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**

HYMN #553

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Refrain

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

Refrain

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
Who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend.*

Refrain

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 29-39

²⁹ As soon as they^a left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at

once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ 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.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ 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." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

“Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of Mark”

Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Hymn

“Give Thanks”

By Henry Smith, arr. By Ken Barker

Prayer of Dedication

**We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving,
making melody to you with our praise.**

**Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN #330

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (Verse 1)

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that the red is wine and the white is grape juice.

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distribution of Bread and the Cup

□ Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**We give thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another
and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN #572 CH

“Take Time to be Holy”

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing God’s blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct his blessings shall see.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“Trumpet Voluntary”
by William Boyce**

Joyce Harris

Special Thanks to All the Participants in Today’s Service

Joyce Harris

Organist

Dr. Oliver Lawrence

Videographer

Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

Senior Pastor