



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 7, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

by Katherine Hawker, based on Matthew 20:1-16, with echoes of Micah 6:8

Already overburdened with the demands of work and leisure, family and friends, we come to this place in search of rest.

May we find here the strength to work for justice.

Forgiveness is elusive and anger is justified, too often we settle for the sweet fleeting fruit of revenge.

May we find here the patience to embody mercy.

Deluded by the world in which we live, receiving power and prestige and money as just reward, missing the Spirit's call to a life grounded in humble service.

May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit.

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

UMH 163

Ask ye what great thing I know, Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who is life in life to me? This is that great thing I know;

what delights and stirs me so? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who the death of death will be? this delights and stirs me so:

What the high reward I win? Who revives the fainting heart, Who will place me on his right, faith in him who died to save,

Whose the name I glory in? healing all its hidden smart? with the countless hosts of light? him who triumphed o'er the grave:

Jesus Christ, the crucified. Jesus Christ, the crucified. Jesus Christ, the crucified. Jesus Christ, the crucified.

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" - words by George Herbert; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, adapt. E. Harold Geer

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†AFFIRMATION

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith les us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,

whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,

the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,

whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,

to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

SPECIAL MUSIC

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

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!

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;

music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

*Kneels at the feet of his friends, Neighbors are rich and poor, These are the ones we should serve, Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washes their feet, neighbors are black and white, these are the ones we should love, silently washing their feet,
Master who acts neighbors are near all these are neighbors this is the way we should
as a slave to them. and far away. to us and you. live with you.*

"Jesu, Jesu" - word by Tom Colbin; music Ghananian folk song, arr. by Tom Colbin; harm. by Charles H. Webb ©1969 and 1989 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI #1550924

†SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

20:21 — Serving the Servant

Rev. Trey Burns

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

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

by Thom Shuman, from *Lectionary Liturgies*, based on Matthew 20:1-16

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart.

But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always.

Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory.

We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs.

We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home.

We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it - not us).

Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace.

Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

Time of Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

by Thom Shuman, from *Lectionary Liturgies*, based on Matthew 20:1-16

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.

God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

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.

"Glory be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Blessed are you, our Alpha and our Omega, whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe,
for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God.

Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being.

When we fell into sin, you did not desert us.

You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

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 is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own

and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, 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 in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,

that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ
and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine,

so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household
and feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE CUP

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord, vv. 1-2, 4
Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash my just now, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

UMH 382
Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" - words by Adelaide A. Pollard; music by George C. Stebbins

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†BENEDCITION

Go out from here as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last, where needs are met in miraculous ways, and there is grace enough for all!

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're joining us for the live stream and would like to take Communion, come to the church between the end of serve and noon. Pastor Trey will be waiting by the porte cochère to give you the sacrament.

We need volunteers! Our children's ministry will be starting up again on Wednesday evenings beginning in March. Sandy Barbour will be leading the program, but she needs a few volunteers each week to help her share Christ with the young people of our community. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, contact Pastor Trey (treym@whitehouseumc.com).

It's time to start planning summer activities! Our children and youth groups are planning to go to Lakeview Summer Camp July 5-9, and our youth group will be going to Texarkana for UM ARMY June 20-26. If you know a student who would like to attend either of these events, let them know, and have their family contact Pastor Trey for details on how to get registered.

The Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Conner Hall. Members who wish to attend virtually can use the Zoom access information that was sent out to committee members this weekend.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting tomorrow, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Conner Hall. Members who wish to attend virtually can use the Zoom access information that was sent out to committee members this weekend.

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PRAYER LIST

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| The Weavers | The Loros | Michael Robinson | Harold Marshall |
| Sandra Walton | Brenda Caps | Betty Garner | Bert Gardner |
| Gaige Hendley | Lauren Lawler | Cindy North | Kelly Kea |
| Kristen Longfellow | Guy De LaMarter | Teresa Mitchum Hughes | Paul Rider |
| Janice Dupree | Joyce Bammes | The Lintners | Hannah Dintelman |
| Jason Krob | Luke Shaeffer | Gene Ruelle | Our Community |
| Ryan Baron | Bobbie Akers | Bri Benoit | First Responders |
| The Wilkes | Our Country | Matt Lockwood | Our Schools |
| Our Schools | Members of our military | Our church family | Our elected officials |

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