

February 9, 2025

“Be Sure to Always Start the Day with a Hearty Breakfast!”

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Worship: 10:00 AM

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

An epiphany is a sudden and striking realization or insight, often leading to a deeper understanding of a situation or problem. In a religious context, it refers to the manifestation of a divine being.

1. GATHERING

Prelude (Geoff)

Call to Worship: #384 (Katie)

Be sincere in your love for others.

Hate all that is evil, and hold tight to all that is good.

Love each other, and honor others more than yourself.

Bless everyone who mistreats you. Bless them and do not curse them.

When others are happy, be happy with them; when they are sad, be sad.

Make friends with ordinary people. Do not mistreat someone who has mistreated you.

But try to earn respect of others, and do your best to live at peace with everyone.

Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.

Opening Prayer (Katie)

“You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might also pray in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance.” — Khalil Gibran

“We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love ... and then we return home.” — Australian Aboriginal Proverb

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

All: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: John 21:1-14 (The Message)

1 After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

4 When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him. 5 Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?" They answered, "No."

6 He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens." They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in.

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!" 8 The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. 9 When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

10 Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." 11 Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore - 153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip. 12 Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master...14 This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

Sermon: "Be Sure to Always Start the Day with a Hearty Breakfast!"



Are you currently living in fear, confusion, and uncertainty, and asking yourself, "what should I do? I believe that this passage in John's gospel has a lot to say to us living here in the U.S. right now!

"Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart."

— Sarah Ban Breathnach

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Geoff)

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Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by path as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, But only that your hand is leading us, and you love supporting us, Through Jesus Christ. Amen



"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver." — Barbara De Angelis

"The choice that frees or imprisons us is the choice of love or fear. Love liberates. Fear imprisons." — Gary Zukav