# *The 5th Sunday after Epiphany 2018*

## THE GATHERING

**Ringing the 1887 Bell**

**Carillon Processional**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** "Lord of the Dance" setting, Dale Wood

* **Call to Worship**
One: Have we not known? Have we not heard?
**All: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**
One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
**All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;**
One: They shall run and not be weary;
**All: They shall walk and not faint.**

* **Opening Hymn #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" vs. 1-4**

**Prayer of the Day** ***(unison)***
**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.**

**Call to Confession**
One: We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

**Prayer of Confession** ***(unison)***
**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**
One: One Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

* **Response #147 "The First Nowell" ~ verse #6**

* **The Passing of the Peace**
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**All: And also with you.** *(Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ)*

**Time for Young Disciples**
**All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination** ***(unison)***
**Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 40:21-31 Pew Bible – OT p.668
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Trad. arr. Dawson
Soloist: Jan Nelson

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:29-39 Pew Bible – NT p.35
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Grasshoppers vs. Demons" Rev. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles' Creed** **Hymnal, pg. 35**

* **Hymn #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1-3**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**
**Invitation to the Lord's Table**
**Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**
**The Words of Institution**
**The Sharing of Bread and Wine** *(See* "Welcome to Worship" *card in the pew rack for instructions)*
**Communion Prayer**

**Offering**

**Musical Offertory** "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"
setting, Charles Callahan

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* Please stand as you are able
**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation

*** Doxology #607**

*** <u>Prayer of Dedication</u>** ***(unison)***
**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.**

## THE SENDING OUT

*** Closing Hymn #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 4, 5**

*** Charge & Benediction**

*** Postlude** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" setting, John A. Behnke

*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you in the prayer room if needed.*

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Our beautiful Chancel flowers are given by the Connecting Ministry in celebration of Pastor Luke's 5th Anniversary.

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**<u>Assisting in Worship This Morning</u>**

**Greeters:** Sue Hutchinson & Maxine Gaber
**Liturgist:** Mackenzie Lindow
**Acolytes:** Daisy Lester & Taylor Noble
**Ushers:** Dave, Cassie & Cole Griffin and Marilyn Heim
**Organist:** Julie Mackey
**Choir Director:** Andy Parks
**Elder of the Month:** Ted Huebbe
**Deacons of the Month:** Dan Hamersky and Kendra & Violet Smale
**Tech Crew:** Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams
**Fellowship:** Amy Cassidy & Becky Dzekute

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