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**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

REFLECTION

Jeremiah's time was "a time that believed there were no mysteries to honor, only problems to be solved. This was not a time governed by great leadership or bold initiatives. It was a time governed by the cost accounting of a management mentality."

~Walter Brueggemann

PRELUDE

Suite on the Second Tone

Jean-Adam Guilain (1706)

Prélude

Tierce en taille

Basse De Trompette

Trio De Flûtes

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

Come Lord Jesus, touch our mouths, so we may share the good news. Touch our hands, so we may serve all in need of life and hope. Touches our hearts, so we may be a haven for those who are longing for acceptance and love. Amen.

HYMN No. 510

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

COME SHARE THE LORD

We gather here in Jesus' name;

His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;

For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:

Come, take the bread; come drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here;

Everyone belongs

Finding our forgiveness here,

We in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;

The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;

The one we love the most is now our gracious host:

Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family,
Of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here
In the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In Unison*)

Gracious God, we offer this prayer as people seeking to clearly view our world by the light of Christ and follow His calling. Forgive when our seeking lacks focus and gets lethargic. Forgive us our unkindnesses when our words are more hurtful than healing, and we prefer the comfortable dimness of judgmental attitudes. Forgive us our indifference when we turn from problems we would rather not see. Forgive us our unavailabilities when we have made ourselves spiritually or physically shut off from those who need us. Forgive us our insecurities when we let doubts keep us in gloom and fail to believe how thoroughly you love us. Relying on your power to forgive, we pray in honesty and hope. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiven, we are filled by God's Spirit, commissioned to be Christ's hope, Christ's people for the world.

Renewed, we can care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another, and live with one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN NO. 519

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Jeremiah 7:1 – 8*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Mark 1: 21 – 28*

SERMON *"Lessons from the Groundhog"* Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* African American Spiritual

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 559

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

SANCTUS

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. Hosanna in the highest.

CONSECRATION & 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 NO. 603

“Lamb of God”

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us, O grant us your peace.

SHARING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wonderful God, we thank you for this meal shared in spirit with our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the Light of the world, bringing hope in the darkness of our struggles. He shines a light on the way into the future. Help us to be willing to see where he is leading and then to go where he is calling. Amen.

HYMN NO. 515, St. 5

“I Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We’ll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. J. Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Noel A. Piercy

Susan Jones

Micki Hardenberg, Cantor and Sarah Solie, Soloist

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 7TH

1. Have you ever found it hard to move on from something warm and comfortable?
2. Jeremiah spoke in the years before Babylon conquered Israel. The people of Jerusalem and the kingdom of Judah believed that since God had promised to dwell with them with the Temple as God's house, all would be well. They forgot that God had made a covenant with David and the people and covenant had responsibilities from both parties. As the royal and religious authorities acted in ways contrary to God's laws regarding treatment of the less privileged of the kingdom, and then dabbled with other gods, Jeremiah warned them that God wouldn't necessarily protect them against Babylon. How do you think that word was received?
3. Can you think of similar situations in history?
4. If someone stood on the steps of FPC and said God was passing judgement on things going on in the country, and people who assumed God was on their side, how would you react?
5. Have you ever yourself, or have you known someone who resisted what was good for them like the man possessed by demons did when facing Jesus?
6. What comfortable burrows do churches like to remain in rather than face up to where Jesus is calling them?