***THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP***

***Fifth Sunday After Epiphany / Ordinary 5A***

*BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

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***PITTSBURGH, PA 15236***

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor

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Mr. Tom Yousko, Liturgist

Rev. Dr. James K. Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus

11.00 A.M. February 9, 2020

#### WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*(Please be seated in silence)*

 **First Organ Prelude**

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 **Second Organ Prelude**

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 **Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 112:1-9) Antiphonal**

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| Leader: | Praise to you, O LORD our God. Glorious is your Name! |
| ***People:*** | ***With joy and gratitude, we worship you!*** |
| Leader: | Praise to you, O LORD our God. Awe and wonder belong to you! |
| ***People:*** | ***With trust and confidence, we worship you!*** |
| Leader: | Praise to you, O LORD our God. We worship and delight in you! |
| ***People:*** | ***In faith, and hope, we come to worship you!*** |

#### THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

**\*Hymn** **# 70**

*“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you***

L: Let us pray.

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| Leader: | O God, in the folly of the cross you reveal the great distance between your wisdom and human understanding. Open our minds to the simplicity of the gospel, that, fervent in faith and tireless in love, we may become light and salt for the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*. |

**HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS**

**\*Call to Confession**

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| Isaiah reminds us that prayer must be lived out in compassion and justice. Let us together confess how we allow the delusions of this world to distract us from the reality of the cross. |

**\*Prayer of Confession Unison**

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| ***Lord, you created us as a community in the world to be its light and salt. Yet when we fear committing to love beyond what we consider reasonable, our communion fragments. In the shadows of concern for our own security, our light fades away. Fearful of being stained by the world, we hesitate to commit to your justice and righteousness, and our salt dissolves as in water. Forgive us our caution, and our self-consciousness. Grant that we may respond to your love for us with all our heart and soul and voice, and become the glad followers you created us to be through Jesus Christ our Lord as we pray, saying: “Our Father…..Amen.”*** |

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

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| The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Be at peace knowing that you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.***Thanks be to God!*** |

 **Gloria Patri #546**

 **The Peace**

 **Offertory**

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**\*Organ Response #552**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology #544**

**\*Hymn #401**

*“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”*

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

 **Prayer of Illumination Unison**

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| ***Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.*** |

 **First Reading** Pew Bible pg. 688

*Isaiah 58:1-9a*

 **Second Reading** Pew Bible pg. 166

*1 Corinthians 2:1-12*

 **Gospel Reading** Pew Bible pg. 4

*Matthew 5:13-20*

 **Sermon Rev. Walkup**

*“Premeditated Resentments”*

 **Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed**

*Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”*

 **Prayers of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn**  **#504**

*“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

***\*Please Stand if Able***

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