



*Cornwall Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians
living in faith and enlivening the world.*



5th Sunday after Epiphany

"Have You Not Heard"

**February 7, 2021
10:00 AM
Zoom Worship**

Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if you would like to follow along.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

Notes for Worship: The Opening Prayer is posted on the **Sacred Pauses** blog. <http://www.sacredpauses.com>.

The Prayer of Confession comes from *Seasons of the Spirit™* SeasonsFUSION Advent • Christmas • Epiphany 2020–2021

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is posted by Thom M. Shuman on lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

Hymn: 619 “Praise My Soul, God in Heaven”Ruthanne Schempf, organ

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Spirit: With astonishment,
we see that you renew our strength constantly.
Allow us not to forget your presence, even in adversity.
And, in our turn, we will renew our gratefulness
and we will sing for your love.
Amen

Lighting the Christ Candle

Music for Reflection 846 “Fight the Good Fight”Ruthanne Schempf, organ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healer of every heart, we seek wisdom, power, and strength to endure and return to whatever you have planned for our birth, life, and death. May we live as those who seek forgiveness in every breath, struggling against quick fixes or fleeting pleasures in favor of the joy that comes of knowing that you love us deeply. Amen.

Silent Prayers

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that even if at first we do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls us again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Cindy Chapman

Scripture.....Cindy Chapman

Psalm 147 1-11

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Music for Reflection: 43 "On Eagle's Wings"Ruthanne Schempf, piano

Greg, guitar

Sermon: "Have You Not Heard"Rev. Patricia Calahan

Hymn: 527 "Eat This Bread"Ruthanne Schempf, piano
Greg Ransom, guitar

The CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF 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.

In the morning, Awakening God, you took creation and flung it to the far corners of chaos, naming the stars twinkling in the night, shaping deserted places for prayers, feeding all the creatures in the fields. You longed to walk with those created in your image, so we would not weary, but we listened to the boasting of death, as it proclaimed sin's opportunities. You sent the prophets, who cried out, 'haven't you been listening; don't you realize what God is trying to do for you?' but we continued to delight in all which opposed you. So, having created all things, you became the one thing we needed, our Savior. With those so weary that cannot take another step, with those revived by your grace and hope, we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge. All creation sings glad praises to you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who came for our sake. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, Star Namer, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. He became weak, so the power of the world would be shattered; he became poor, so we might be filled with the riches of your grace; he went to that deserted place we call the grave, so death might be knocked off its pedestal, as you breathed new life into his knackered spirit. As we search for him in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel, may we find that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, not boasting in himself; Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him; Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.

Here is that Bread, which though broken, can strengthen the powerless; here is that Cup, which though emptied, can fill the weary with hope. Pour out your Spirit not only on these gifts, but upon your children gathered around the Table. We come, bone-tired, so make us bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh. We can barely take another step, so empower us to walk beside the lonely and the homeless. We are so fatigued by our despair, feed us with your hope and joy, so we may proclaim your kingdom to everyone we meet. And when the day comes to gather with all your children around the Feast of the Lamb, we will join hands and dance around the Table, singing your praise forever and ever: God our Creator, Christ our Servant, Spirit of Newness, God in Community, Holy in One.

And now let us continue to pray as Christ taught us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. AMEN.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Recessionale"Ruthanne Schempf, organ
Gerald Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: This year the Sunday school's Souper Bowl of Caring campaign will benefit Newburgh Ministry. The drop off session for food and monetary donations will be today between 11:30 and 12:30. You can also make a donation online with a link on our website.

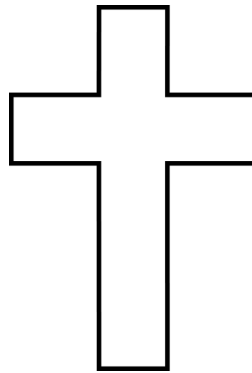
Jesus: A Pilgrimage: All are welcome to join Ken Sampson's book study at any time! The group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 on Zoom. Contact Ken Sampson to obtain the book and details on Zoom/phone connections.

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch will be meeting this Wednesday February 10th at noon via Zoom. The group is currently reading Joanna Weaver's Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out. You can contact Marion Thomas for information about book copies. A Zoom link will be sent out via email.

Lent at CPC: Lent is approaching with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Our devotional resource for this Lent is "Again & Again" from *Sanctified Art*. We will be sending them out weekly via email, printed copies will be available upon request.

Ash Wednesday: Join us for a campfire Ash Wednesday service at the Girl Scout Cabin (6 North Street, Cornwall—behind Sands Ring Homestead) on **Wednesday, February 17th at 5:30 P.M.** This is an opportunity to lay down the burdens we choose not to carry into Lent and perhaps also choose an intention to "take up" in this time. Parking is available at Town Hall. We encourage everyone to bring flashlights.

Discover the Psalms: Join us on Zoom for a study of the Psalms at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesdays during Lent from **February 16th to March 30th**. We will be utilizing a resource, "Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise, & Praise" by Donald Griggs. This study invites us to explore different types of Psalms and perhaps even learn to pray like a Psalmist or perhaps even to write like one. We are delighted to be partnering with the First United Presbyterian Church (Pine Plains) with this offering. Pastor Tricia will be sharing leadership with Pastor Ryan Larkin. Books are available for pick-up during office hours or we are happy to drop a copy off for you, by request. Please contact Pastor Tricia if you have any questions. The Zoom link will be sent out ahead of the meeting.



The Rev. Patricia Calahan, Pastor

The Rev. Richard A. Mills, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Ruthanne Schempf, Music Director

VNS Director: Melissa McHugh

Office Telephone: 845-534-2903

Office E-Mail: admin@cornwallpresbyterian.org

Pastor's E-mail: pastor@cornwallpresbyterian.org

Church Website: www.CornwallPresbyterian.org

For pastoral care needs, please call the Pastor at 845-458-6526
or the church office at 845-534-2903