

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude arr. Marilyn Ham
Morning Has Broken
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship¹ Rev. Richard Wright

Leader: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness, to call to you in your mercy; make us whole again.

All: Wholeness—giving God, listen to our prayers.

Leader: Restoring God, we gather to worship you, as we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

All: God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.

Leader: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being we seek peace and rest.

All: God—our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you.

Invocation Rev. Richard Wright

* Opening Hymn 269 BALM IN GILEAD
There Is a Balm in Gilead

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

First Gospel Reading Rev. Richard Wright
John 4:46-54
(page 922 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Ray Hatton

¹ written by Joan Stott, and posted on Geelong City Parish UCA website.
<http://www.wesleychurchgeelong.net/>

Offertory *In the Valley Flows a River* Douglas Nolan
The Sanctuary Choir

In the valley flows a river, gentle waters from the Lord, and those who stop and drink there will never thirst for more. In the valley flows a river, cooling stream that has no end. In its grace we find forgiveness, cleansing fountain for our sins. From the mountain springs it cometh to the deserts, to the plains, bringing life to all it touches, bringing peace where there is pain. In the valley there is comfort where the peaceful waters flow, and all who pause and pray there will find rest for their souls. In the valley flows a river fed by heaven's gentle rain, and all who stop and drink there will never thirst again.

* Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

Second Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
John 5:1-9
(page 922 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Thirty-eight Years & God

Musical Meditation *Break Thou the Bread of Life* arr. Stan Pethel
Roger Pace and David Córdoba Hernandez, *alto saxophone and piano duet*

Communion Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel and Rev. Holly Hatton
Leader: God has made us a people,
All: We have been shaped by God's will.
Leader: Jesus calls us together,
All: We meet in Jesus' name.
Leader: The Spirit binds us together,
All: And leads us into truth.

Prayers of the People Dr. Chris Church

The Lord's Prayer Dr. Chris Church
**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI
Gloria Patri
***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.***

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 546 *Love Lifted Me* SAFETY

The Welcoming of New Members
In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

* Commission and Blessing Rev. Richard Wright
Leader: God, our Beginning and our End.
All: We hope always in you.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Prayer 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

* Postlude *Aria in F Major* George Frederic Handel
Aaron Foster, *organist*
An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.