

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” Red Hymnal # 520

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL BENEDICTION

*As we depart this place today, Keep us within thy care, we pray,
Teach us, and guide us in thy way. Lord, Amen, Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Hedrick's Grove Reformed United Church of Christ



*Sunday, February 4, 2024
5th Sunday of Epiphany*

A warm welcome to all today!

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve
the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Visitors, we are especially glad to see you.

Please come again!!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates to please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** print.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“He Will Raise You Up On Eagles Wings”** Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
(*We quiet our minds and prepare our hearts for worship.*)

TRINITY CHIMES (*Congregation please stand at the sound of the chimes.*)

*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL INTROIT

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Open your hearts to God’s love this day!

Praise be to God who has called us here!

Let the words wash over you and offer you healing and hope.

Praise be to God who continually blesses us!

Place your hope and trust in God!

With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually blesses and provides for us. AMEN.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** Red Hymnal # 319

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God’s steadfast love is everlasting, And God’s faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in

our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God’s love is poured out to you this day. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM **“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”** Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

 Isaiah 40:21-31 Page 486 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Page 772

SERMON TEXT Mark 1:29-39 Page 673

SERMON **“Our Great Healer”** Joshua W. Rau

*SERMON HYMN **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”** Red Hymnal # 84

*STATEMENT OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD’S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

THANKSGIVING

God’s gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“He Touched Me”** William Gaither

*DOXOLOGY