



Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany -
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Key Scripture - Mark 1: 37, 38

When they found him, they said to him,
"Everyone is searching for you."

He answered, "Let us go on to the
neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the
message there also; for that is what I came out to
do."

Something for
EVERYONE!

Theme - Something for Everyone

Welcome and Announcements

† Newcomers please sign our guestbook



† Special requests may be made through Facebook

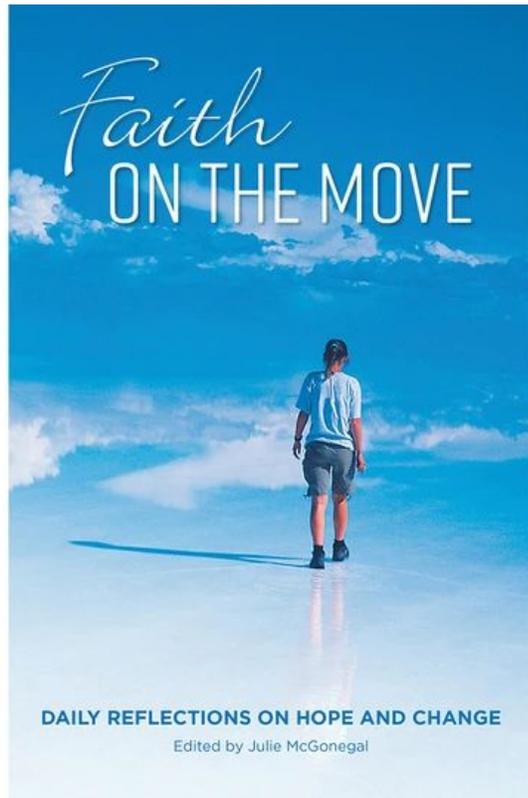


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† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- Our church building is closed during the Stay at Home Order except in the case of urgent requirement.
 - Pick up or delivery of packages or correspondence may be made at the Choir Door, corner of Market and Russell Streets on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please knock and somebody will be able to assist you.
 - Deliveries may be made at other times by special appointment.
 - Brown Bags and Blessings will continue as an Essential Service.
 - Church business will be conducted remotely
 - Worship will be recorded and posted to FaceBook

- Those folk who subscribe to the Broadview Magazine through the church should let Brenda King know their intentions with respect to renewal.
- The Spiritual Leadership Team is sponsoring a Lenten Devotional Discussion based on the book -
 - Faith on the Move: Daily Reflections on Hope and Change



- If you would like read the book at home or participate in the remote discussion, please leave a message at the Office - 613 283-4444



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls and Lanark County. Take Away Meals are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program and through the kindness of individual benefactors.

Two Guys for Lunch are partners with us.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Introit MV 62 "There Is Room For All"

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, 'My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust.'
There is room for all,
There is room for all!

Call to Worship

God has invited us to come.
So we gather.
God has spoken to the world.
So we listen.
God has given us glimpses of grace and mercy.
So we wait and watch, longing for healing, eager for hope.
God has been faithful to all generations.
So we trust.

And so we worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, Source of all life,
in you, all creatures are connected
and all creation redeemed and made new.
Day by day you make yourself known to your people.
In the beauty of the heavens we see your glory.
In the bounty of the earth we know your generosity.

In strength for our bodies and minds we experience your energy.
Delighting in all that we have seen, known, and heard,
we worship you, one God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

Hymn MV 82 "Bathe Me In Your Light"

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.

Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.

Learning with Children

Children's Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the ability to learn and to grow and to help where we can. Help us to be faithful with what we have. To love the people you give us to love and to share the gifts that we have.

Help us to trust others to do what they can, so that together, we can do many things, even if we cannot do everything.

AMEN.

Prayer of Reconciliation

Holy One,
Along with our praise, we offer our confession.

At times we forget what we once knew of your love.

Consumed by worry, we forget to trust you.

Although we know you made us for a purpose,
we choose our own ways.

Discouragement seeps into our hearts in the cold of winter
and we do not serve with eagerness.

We fail to speak out against injustice in our community.

Forgive us.

Renew our energy for your purposes.

Raise us up on wings of faith.

May we walk by your light and not grow weary.

May we run and not faint.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Blessing

While it is true that we have all sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God,
your sin is forgiven.

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Scripture Psalm 147:1-11 (VU869 Part 1);
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23;
 Mark 1:29-39

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Psalm 147:1-11 (VU869 Part 1)

Refrain -

Sing to God in great thanksgiving.

How good it is to sing praises to God,
how pleasant to laud the Most High.

You are building Jerusalem, O God,
and gathering the scattered exiles of Israel.

**You are healing the broken-hearted,
and binding up their wounds.**

You count the number of the stars,
and call them all by their names.

Great are you, O God, and mighty your power;

yes, and your wisdom is infinite.
You raise up the lowly,
and bring down the wicked to dust.

Refrain -
Sing to God in great thanksgiving.

Sing to God in thanksgiving;
make music on the harp to our God,
**who covers the sky with clouds, who prepares rain for
the earth, who makes the hills green with grass.**

You give the cattle their food,
and the young ravens when they cry.
**You set no store by the power of a horse,
nor by the strength of a warrior's thighs.**
But your delight is in those who revere you,
in those who rely on your mercy.

Refrain -
Sing to God in great thanksgiving.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

God bless our understanding of this reading.

Meditation "Pastorale" (Young)

Reflection

The Psalmist tells us what God can do.

**You count the number of the stars,
and call them *all by their names*.**

The writer of Mark’s Gospel tells us what Jesus could do.

he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons

Paul tells us what he can do.

I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means *save some*.

All.

Many.

Some.

The readings carry us from a vision of

- God the Creator who can do what is impossible for us, even all of us - **count the number of the stars, and call them *all by their names***;
- to what was possible for Jesus, ***to cure many***;
- to what we can do, ***save some***.

Hymn MV 12; "Come, Touch Our Hearts" vs. 1,2,3

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.

**We Respond to God's Word
Offering Ourselves
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus' ministry brought healing and hope to those who reached out. Our offering supports ministries of healing and hope here and around the world. Know that your gift matters and give as God has blessed you.

Offering Prayer

Generous and loving God,

We bring our offering to you, trusting that you will bless our gifts and use them in ways we cannot imagine. Jesus touched folk in different ways. We ask that these gifts will touch many with your healing and hope.

Amen.

Hymn 359 "He Came Singing Love"

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love. He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith. He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope. He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace. He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Prayers of the People

Holy and loving God,

We thank you for the story of Christ's life among us,
a pattern for the way we live.

We give you thanks for moments of quiet and contemplation that
restore us,

and help us perceive your Spirit at work in the world and in our
own lives.

Teach us to trust in your strength,
so that we can live with confidence and courage
even in the midst of stress and anxiety.

These days of pandemic are difficult
and we need to know you are near in our lonely times.
Meet us in that place of deep stillness within us all.

In the quiet of this moment we hand over to you
all those things stirring within us today:

Anything that has been distracting or hurtful...

Anything that makes us worry or brings sleepless nights...

Our hopes and dreams for the future...

and for the lives of those we love...

We hold before you the needs and hopes of those we know
who need your presence, especially remembering those facing
grief and loss The Families of Fred Haughton and Joyce
Latourell ... We continue to hold Barb Byam in our hearts.

We pray for wisdom for the leaders of our world...

We pray that peace and prosperity will begin to flourish in places facing war, famine, and disaster...

We pray that those who manage the world economy find honest, just and generous ways to respond to the challenges caused by the pandemic...

We pray that the dignity of each creature be honoured and the earth itself be treasured...

May peace with justice thrive in the world you love.

Prayers conclude with:

We experience God in a relationship from which we draw strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; Father, Mother, Friend; may be expressed in the prayer Jesus taught us -

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn MV 245 "Draw The Circle Wide"

Refrain -

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,

'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

Refrain -

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

***Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.***

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Refrain -

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

***Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.***

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Refrain -

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

***Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.***

Benediction

God sends us forth into the world,

we will walk in the shoes of others.

Jesus calls us to serve everyone we meet,

we will heal and help those we can.

The Holy Spirit encourages us to be sensitive to the limitations of others,

so we may breathe new life into the faint.

Amen.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Joy To The World" (arr. Young)