

**CELEBRATING THE SABBATH**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 7, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*Eternal God, you are the light of the minds that know you,  
the joy of the hearts that love you,  
and the strength of the wills that serve you.*

Augustine of Hippo, 5<sup>th</sup> century bishop and theologian

PRELUDE

*Benedictus*  
(from "MesseBasse")

Gabriel Fauré

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

God of infinite creativity,  
**Lift us on your love, like an eagle is lifted on the wind;**  
refresh our souls so we will not be exhausted in this dark winter of pandemic  
**renew our strength so that we may run and not be weary,**  
that we may walk and not faint.  
**Sustain us, guide us, heal us;**  
prepare us to be sent forth into the world  
**that we may love as you love.**

HYMN #114

*Thou Art Worthy*  
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power;  
for thou has created, hast all things created, thou hast created all things;  
and for thy pleasure they are created, for thou art worthy, O Lord.**

**(Repeat)**

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OPENING PRAYER

**Creating God, since before our beginnings you have existed eternally:  
The Lord of all that is and ever shall be.  
You are the God of both the prince and pauper,  
of feast and famine,  
of the mighty and the weak —  
and yet, you do not favor the strong over the powerless.  
Remind us of your love in this time of worship,  
O God of True Justice.  
Open our eyes – open our hearts –  
that we may be strengthened and renewed by your Word. Amen**

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jennifer deSimas

ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei/Winter's Dream*  
First Church Choir  
Jeffrey Boratko, Soprano Sax

Paul Halley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Isaiah 40:21-31](#)

Glen MacLeod

SERMON

*Continuing Creativity*

Erica Avena

A TIME OF PRAYER

**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.**

A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Mary-Jane Foster, Interval House and WH Police Project

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Winter*  
From "The Four Seasons"

Antonio Vivaldi

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN #77

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Join as you are able!

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**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in God's shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!"**

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand."**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Finale from "Rodelinda"*

G. F. Handel