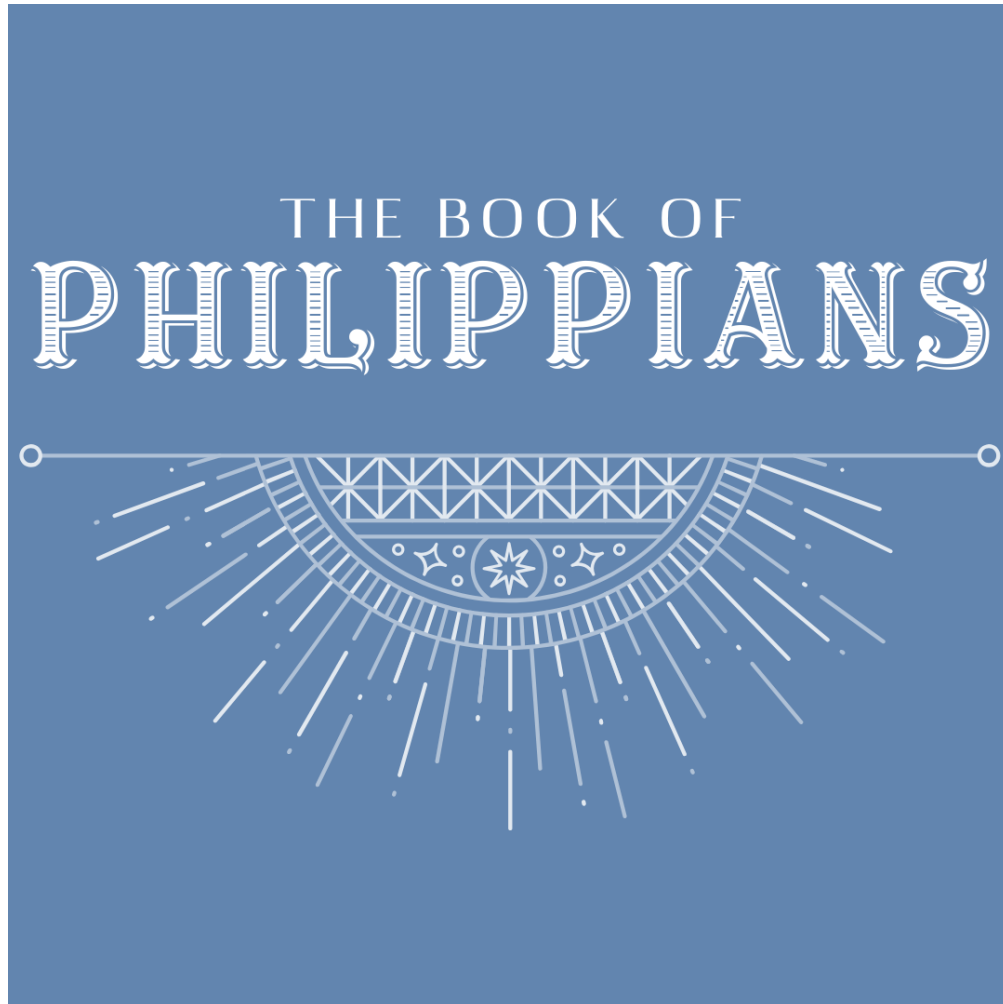




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Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

09 February 2020

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the Introit 'O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I'. The score is written for voice and piano. The top part is the vocal line, and the bottom part is the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing.'

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-7

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Hymn of Praise—Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

Hymn of Praise—God is My Strong Salvation: Psalm 27

God is my strong Sal - va - tion: What foe have I to fear? In dark-ness and temp -
 Re - ly on God Al - might - y; my soul, with cour-age, wait. His truth al - ways sus -

ta - tion, my Light, my Help is near. Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm
 tains me, when faint and des - o - late. His might my heart shall strength-en, His

in the fight I stand. What ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?
 love my joy in - crease. Mer - cy my days shall length - en; the Lord will give me peace.

Text: Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;

try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;

cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1936; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2018. © 2018 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on I Timothy I:6-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.

All: But we have not fanned into flames the gift that You have placed within us for Your purposes.

Pastor: You have saved us and called us to a holy calling,
not because of our works but because of Your own purpose and grace
which You gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

All: We confess there are times that we have been ashamed of this testimony about our Lord.

Pastor: Your grace has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,
who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel—
and we have been called to proclaim and teach this.

**All: But there are times in which we have kept silent of this testimony
in fear of sharing in the suffering for the gospel.**

Pastor: May we not be ashamed, for we know whom we have believed,
and we are convinced that You are You are able to guard until that Day
what has been entrusted to us.

**All: Give us grace to follow and proclaim the life-giving words of the gospel
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit, guard the good deposit You have entrusted to us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Romans I:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 67: O God, To Us Show Mercy



O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in Your grace, and
 Let all the peo - ples praise You, let all the na - tions sing; in
 Let all the peo - ples praise You, let all the na - tions sing. Then
 cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of Your face, so
 ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring; for
 earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit will bring. The
 that Your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known, and
 You will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous - ness, and
 LORD our God will bless us, our God will bless - ing send, and
 un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple Your sav - ing grace be shown.
 on the earth all na - tions will Your just rule con - fess.
 all the earth will fear Him to its re - mot - est end.

Text: Psalm 67, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: MEIRIONYDD, Welsh Hymn Melody, William Lloyd, 1840; alt 2008.

Sacrament of Baptism—*Faith Gulliver*

Vows of Profession:

1. Do you acknowledge that you are a sinner, deserving God's displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as a faithful follower of Christ?

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians I:12-18

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 3

The Gospel That's Never Behind Bars

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN



Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

MEN



Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth. We praise earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy! We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—Psalm III: O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise



O give the Lord whole - heart - ed praise, To Him thanks - giv - ing
The won - drous works that God has wrought His peo - ple ev - er
His works are true and just in - deed, His pre - cepts are for -



I will bring; With all His peo - ple I will raise My voice and
keep in mind; His works with grace and mer - cy fraught, Re - veal - ing
ev - er sure; In truth and right - eous - ness de - creed, They shall for -



of His glo - ry sing. His saints de - light to search and
that the Lord is kind. God's pro - mise shall for - ev - er
ev - er - more en - dure. From Him His saints' re - demp - tion



trace His migh - ty works and won - drous ways; Ma - jes - tic
stand, He cares for those who trust His Word; Up - on His
came; His cov' - nant sure no change can know; Let all re -



glo - ry, bound - less grace, And right - eous - ness His work dis - plays.
saints His migh - ty hand The wealth of na - tions has con - ferred.
vere His ho - ly Name In Heav'n a - bove and earth be - low.



In rev' - rence and in god - ly fear Man finds the gate to wis - dom's ways;



The wise His ho - ly Name re - vere; Through end - less ag - es sound His praise.

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Hymn of Communion—Jesus, I Come



1.Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus I come; Je - sus, I come—
 2.Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.—
 3.Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.—
 4.Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.—



In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—



Out of my sick - ness— in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of earth's sor - rows— in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms— and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of my - self— to dwell in Thy love, Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin— and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to— Thee—
 Out of dis - tress in - to— jub - i - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—
 Up - ward for - ev - er on— on wings like dove, Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—
 Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to— Thee.—

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's 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.*

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners



Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;
Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him.
Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the temp - est still is high,



Friends may fail me, foes ass - ail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
Temp - ted, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - to - ry wins.
Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my Sav - ior, hears my cry.



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard, 1831.

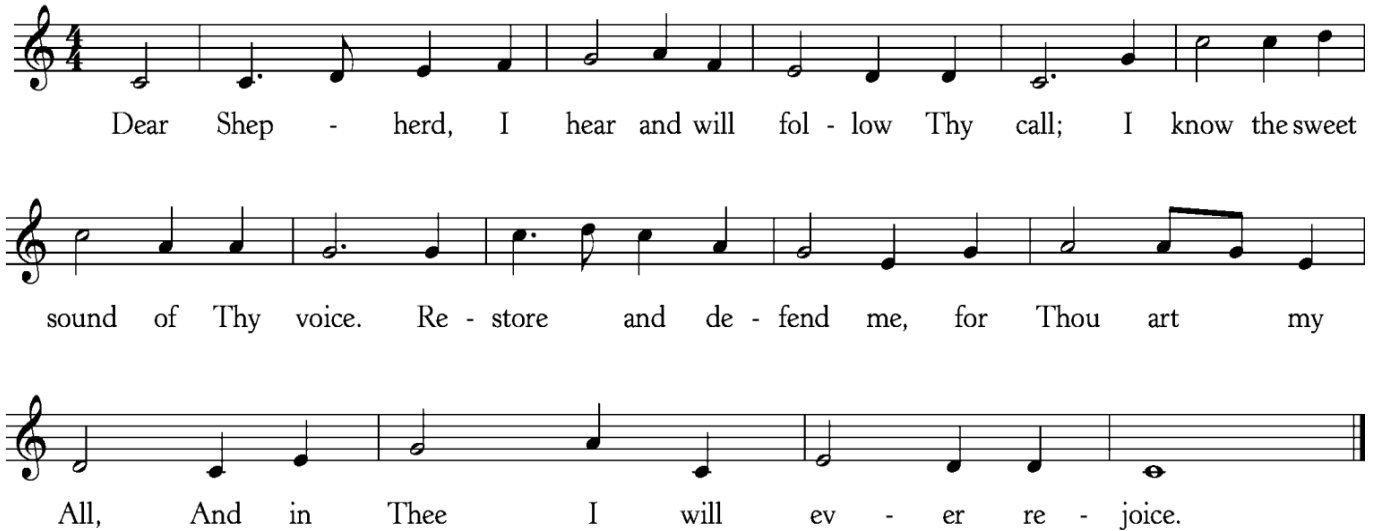
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

Prayer Focus— Colleen McGarry is a local programs coordinator as well as the director of communications for Servant Group International in Nashville. She organizes local volunteer opportunities, specifically English classes for women. She loves to help people overcome their fears and love those that are different than they are. She is also responsible for managing the social media and website for SGI.

- Pray for more followers of Jesus in the US to be willing to reach out to people from the refugee and immigrant communities. Learn more at ServantGroup.org/Nashville or talk to Colleen!
- Pray for opportunities to share hope with the refugee women (both for Colleen and her volunteers).
- Pray for Colleen - encouragement, perseverance, and glimpses of what God is doing in the refugee community.
- Pray for Colleen's friends from Iraq who are followers of Jesus - encouragement, fellowship, mentorship, and perseverance.
- Pray for financial provision for Colleen as well as for SGI.
- If you would like to be added to Colleen's personal regular update email or mailing list, email her

Today's message, "The Gospel That Is Never Behind Bars" is taken from Philippians I:12-18. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- Paul understood imprisonment as a call from God for the advance of the gospel (vs.12-13, 16). What would change about how you lived life if you believed such earthly sufferings and setbacks were actually a charge from God? How can you apply this truth personally right now?
- Interestingly, Paul's imprisonment is not just advancing the gospel among unbelievers; it's also producing boldness among believers (v.14). Though we might half expect the opposite to be true, why does persecution often spark revitalization in the church?
- Paul identifies two motivations for those sharing the gospel in his imprisonment. Some preach from envy, rivalry, and selfish ambition (v.15a, 17). Others preach from good will and love (v. 15b, 16). Regardless of the heart motivations, Paul says the most important thing is that the gospel is proclaimed. Is Paul saying motivations aren't important? What are we to take away from this?
- What changes might we see in our lives if the gospel was preeminent in all things? Be as specific as you can. Spend some time praying for these changes to take shape in our church.

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