



*Old Presbyterian Meeting House*  
**SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

February 5, 2023

11:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**WELCOME**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

**INTROIT**

Medway  
*text from Psalm 95:1, paraphrased by Isaac Watts*

William Billings  
(1746-1800)

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Ann Herlin

To a world where every appetite is fed until there is no taste to life,  
**God calls us to be salt.**  
To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,  
**God calls us to be light.**  
To a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,  
**God calls us to be faithful.**  
Here in this place, let us sing praise to our God!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we offer our praise this day for your wonderful gifts to us—for your love that sustains us and binds us together as your people; for your power that fills the earth and brings new life; for your peace that takes away fear and brings hope in all things. Forgive us, O God, when we forget your gifts, failing to trust in your presence and your purpose for our lives. Fill us with your Spirit of joy that we might be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence...

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 578**

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

▲ ACT OF PRAISE 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

**GOD'S WORD TO US**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 5:13-20

Henry Welle

**ANTHEM**

This Little Light of Mine  
*Rachel Ackerman Bowe, soprano solo*

attrib. to Harry D. Loes (1892-1965)  
arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Mrs. Noelle Castin

**May God be with you there.**

**May God be with us here.**

**May God be with everyone, everywhere. Amen.**

▲ HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness  
*Verses 1-2*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

**SERMON**

Shine in our Hearts

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Iona Community, 2002

We believe that God is present, in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty, where fear and courage join hands. We believe in God with us, who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line, to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

## ▲ DOXOLOGY 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All Communion bread is gluten-free and the cup is juice so that all may participate in the sacrament. The ushers will invite you to come to the table. Receive the elements by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup). Return to your pew by a side aisle. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

Liturgy	The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise...</b>
Sanctus 595 ( <i>sing</i> )	<b>Holy, holy holy.</b> <b>My heart, my heart adores you!</b> <b>My heart knows how to say to you:</b> <b>You are holy, Lord!</b>

## ▲ HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

## ▲ BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Wendy Matney

## ▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

▲ Please stand as you are able

Congregation reads the "**bold**" text

## MUSIC NOTES

The image of moving from darkness into light pervades our music today, with the familiar spiritual "This little light of mine" by Moses Hogan. It's a unique example of cross-pollination where a children's song written for the Moody Bible Institute *became* a spiritual (and many assume it to be one). Some even dispute the claim that Harry Dixon Loes wrote the hymn, since it borrows so much from the spiritual tradition. Today's version, by New Orleans-native Moses Hogan, is almost a ballad, with a soloist delivering the jazz-influenced harmonies. Eventually, as if opening with heavenly light, the chorus explodes with energy to bring this masterpiece to conclusion. At the Offertory, you'll hear one of John Rutter's most performed pieces, his serene *Gaelic Blessing*. Rutter gives no definitive source to the text, but it shares many tropes in common with other Gaelic prayers, invoking the creator via works of creation ("running wave," "quiet earth," "moon and stars"). To begin the service, we'll have a Chorale-Prelude from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* ("Little organ book") on the chorale whose words translate to "When we are in the hour of deepest need, and are completely at a loss," and ends calmly with the words "we will trust in God alone." Today's introit is one of American Revolutionary composer William Billings' many joyful "fuguing tunes," with a hymn-like opening and contrapuntal second half, this one based on Psalm 95. And to close, you'll hear Rutter's playful "Toccata in Seven" with a catchy but slightly lopsided seven beats per bar.

## Today

The memorial service for Irene Norris will be Thursday, February 9 at 11:00 AM.

To receive regular prayer updates, email Vicki, [vstones@opmh.org](mailto:vstones@opmh.org).

Duty Elder is Lenore Marema and Duty Deacon is Martha Beall.

**Join us for Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall following worship hosted by the Worship Ministry.**

Photo courtesy of Carol Stalun Photography

The rosebud in the pulpit is in joyous celebration of the birth of Finn to John and Ann Whaley.

Today's flowers are arranged by Marcia Smith.

Live worship today is available at 11:00 AM at [opmh.org/livestream](http://opmh.org/livestream).

Assistive listening devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

Recordings are available at [vimeo.com/showcase/opmh](https://vimeo.com/showcase/opmh)

## Upcoming

### Sundays:

- 9:15 AM-12:15 PM, Childcare for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Room 14 – Education Building).
- 9:30-10:45 AM, Children's Sunday School begins with music in Heaven, top floor of Education Building.
- 9:30-10:45 AM, Adult Education is a hybrid model with in-person class in Heritage Hall and Zoom.
- Contact Mary Pratt Perry, [mpratt@opmh.org](mailto:mpratt@opmh.org), for Middle School and High School Youth Group schedule.

**Looking into the Lectionary**, Thursdays at 10:00 AM on zoom, Linda Lanam, [lindall3@comcast.net](mailto:lindall3@comcast.net)

**Souper Bowl of Caring**, Sunday, February 12, [opmh.org/events](http://opmh.org/events)

**Ash Wednesday Worship**, Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 PM, [opmh.org/events](http://opmh.org/events)

**Jump Start**, Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, [opmh.org/events](http://opmh.org/events)

**Chili Cook Off**, Sunday, March 5, [opmh.org/events](http://opmh.org/events)

For a complete listing of weekly and upcoming events, please visit [opmh.org](http://opmh.org).

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Monday, February 13, at 6:30 PM on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on a report from the Session regarding changes in terms of call for the clergy (cost of living adjustment). Please reserve that day and time so that we are assured a quorum of 100. Please find the Zoom link at [opmh.org/cm](http://opmh.org/cm).

## WAYS TO GIVE

1. Leave your offering in the offering plates.
2. Give online at [opmh.org/give](http://opmh.org/give) or snap the QR code at right.
3. Text **opmh** to 73256
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