



February 7, 2021. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Narrative Lectionary week 25 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Call to Worship **Psalm 119:105-112**

Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey. I have sworn, and I fully mean it, I will keep your righteous rules.

I have been suffering so much—LORD, make me live again according to your promise. Please, LORD, accept my spontaneous gifts of praise! Teach me your rules!

Though my life is constantly in danger, I won't forget your Instruction. Though the wicked have set a trap for me, I won't stray from your precepts.

Your laws are my possession forever because they are my heart's joy. I have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last one.

Prayer of Confession

God of The Epiphany and source of epiphanies, you have revealed yourself to us through your only Son, Jesus Christ. He showed us the Way of truth and life. Christ still shows us the Way of righteousness through healing, mercy, compassion, and grace. Forgive us for the ways we have strayed. Forgive us for the times we have tried to forge our own path. We confess that we need you to guide us as individuals and as a people of God. May we seek the power and encouragement of the Holy Spirit to travel along Christ's Way. Amen

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #263 **“When Jesus the Healer Passed through Galilee” vs. 1,2,6,7**

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 **“Praise God”**

Musical Offering **Charles and Oliver Cooley**

Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Examen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Luke 7:1-17 (CEB)

Katie Lee

After Jesus finished presenting all his words among the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion had a servant who was very important to him, but the servant was ill and about to die. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Jesus to ask him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they earnestly pleaded with Jesus. “He deserves to have you do this for him,” they said. “He loves our people and he built our synagogue for us.”

Jesus went with them. He had almost reached the house when the centurion sent friends to say to Jesus, “Lord, don't be bothered. I don't deserve to have you come under my roof. In fact, I didn't even consider myself worthy to come to you. Just say the word and my servant will be healed. I'm also a man appointed under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and the servant does it.”

When Jesus heard these words, he was im-



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pressed with the centurion. He turned to the crowd following him and said, “I tell you, even in Israel I haven’t found faith like this.” When the centurion’s friends returned to his house, they found the servant restored to health.

A little later Jesus went to a city called Nain. His disciples and a great crowd traveled with him. As he approached the city gate, a dead man was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When he saw her, the Lord had compassion for her and said, “Don’t cry.” He stepped forward and touched the stretcher on which the dead man was being carried. Those carrying him stood still. Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, get up.” The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Awestruck, everyone praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding region.

Sermon *Jesus heals two people*
Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #2213 FWS “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Blessing

Hymn #2129 FWS “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” vs 1



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Current series: "This Is The Way"

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| Feb. 14 | Transfiguration | Luke 9:28-45 |
| Feb. 17 | Ash Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. | Luke 9:51-62 |
| Feb. 21 | Good Samaritan | Luke 10: 25-42 |
| Feb. 28 | Lament over Jerusalem | Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 7:16

Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on [God's] people!"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Monday | Luke 8:40-56 | A Girl Raised and a Woman Healed |
| Tuesday | John 11:38-44 | Jesus Raises Lazarus |
| Wednesday | Luke 18:1-8 | The Widow and the Unjust Judge |
| Thursday | Acts 10:1-16 | Peter and Cornelius |
| Friday | Deuteronomy 24:17-22 | Treatment of Widows, Foreigners, and Orphans |
| Saturday | Luke 8:26-39 | Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac |

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus heals the slave of a Roman commander and raises the widow's son from death. Both the commander and the widow were very sad. What made you sad today? What made you happy?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus takes Peter, James, and John on top of a mountain where they saw an amazing sight. What was something exciting that happened today? What was something disappointing?