



An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

SHAPING OUR LIVES THROUGH THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively):

We are called to be servants of God in the service of others.

Let our service now take the form of prayer.

When we pray for others we carry them to the throne of God

where they can find help, healing, and hope.

Then bring every care that weighs upon your heart, every concern that rises within you,

and lay them as if at the feet of Jesus.

In this way we honor God with our worship.

In this way we serve others with our prayers.

Hymn:

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

O Lord our God, who bids us to share some of the burden of the world's ache and to be of service in lightening the loads others must carry through life, we have let you down in this, haven't we? We have committed the sin of preoccupation – we have been preoccupied with ourselves, with our needs, with our wants and wishes, with our own pulses and feelings and well-being. We have been too preoccupied to see what we could do to lift something from another's shoulders or help them to carry their heartache. And our lack of help has made the burden more burdensome. For good left undone, O Lord, have mercy upon our souls. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 23

Salem Youth and Youth Ministry Team

Pastoral Prayer and 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, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Mark 2:1-12

Guy Williams, reading

Sermon:

Carrying the Paralyzed to Jesus

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Mk. 2:3

Hymn:

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Benediction

Postlude:

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Yurs, Pastor

Dawn Lingard, Organist/Pianist

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