

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 6:1–10, I Corinthians 15:1–11

**CHILDREN'S STORYTIME**

**SERMON:** "Last Bats"

**HYMN:** "Amazing Grace" #547 Black

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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**

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** Go to all the people to announce good news.

**People:** By the grace of God we have our lives to share.

**Leader:** The love of God empowers us.

**Unison:** We go forth in faith at Christ's command.

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Ask Ye What Great Thing ,,, " #239 Red

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 6, 2022**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**WORDS TO PONDER**

The resurrection is incomplete until it affects us personally.

**WELCOME**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.

**People:** We give You thanks, O God, with all our hearts for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Leader:** Your name, O God, is exalted over all things, and Your Word goes forth to the ends of the earth.

**People:** When we call to You, O God, You answer, and preserve our lives in the midst of trouble.

**Leader:** You stretch out Your hand to deliver us and fulfill Your purposes through us.

**Unison:** We will sing of the ways of God, for great is the glory of God forever.

**HYMN:** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Before the majesty of God we tremble in the knowledge of our own deceits and inadequacy. We can only kneel to confess our guilt and our need.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that we do not always live as people who believe in the resurrection of Jesus. We are so quick to give up and give in. We do not allow You to use the power that raised Jesus from the dead to lift our spirits in life. We try to do too many things on our own. We forget that You are able to overcome the most tragic of circumstances with a power to make all things new. We pray for an experience of Christ this day, so that His spirit of forgiveness, the touch of His healing hand, and His willingness to offer grace may be as real to us as is the awareness of our sins and shortcomings. Hear our silent prayers of confession.**

## TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

## UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. Our guilt is taken away. Our sins are forgiven. May we know the purifying touch of burning coals on our lips and in our lives.**

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## ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY

### RESPONSIVE INTRODUCTION

**Leader:** Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

**People:** There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

**Leader:** There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

**People:** The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

**Leader:** Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

**People:** It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

**Leader:** If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share in its happiness.

**Unison:** All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

## PRESENTATION

### COVENANT

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

### PRAYER

### DECLARATION

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