

Worship Notes

Narrative Lectionary Worship Notes

February 10, 2019

(Fifth Sunday of Epiphany)

Call to Worship

One: We live in the Reign of God. How should we live?

Many: Jesus calls us to not treat others with prejudice and bigotry. We are called to not see anyone as beyond God's redemption, beyond God's grace and destined for hell.

One: How should we live as citizens of God's Kingdom?

Many: We are called to be a people whose prayers matches the way we live.

One: How should this community of faith live?

Many: We live following the narrow path, to be a community showing a different way to live, to show God's way to live instead of the wide road.

One: We listen for your call, O God, even when the way is rough and challenging.

Many: We listen for your call, O God. Give us courage to do your will.

Confession and Forgiveness

One: Jesus calls us to not judge. Jesus calls us to pay attention to our own sins. Instead we show prejudice to others who are different, treat people with contempt and see people as beyond God's love. We can't expect mercy if we don't show mercy. Forgive us for forgetting what it means to live under your reign.

Use the following known prayers for the corporate confession:

Many: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

OR:

Many: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us

and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

One: Just as we give good gifts to family and friends, God loves to give good gifts to us. We are given the greatest gift: through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Amen.

Benediction

One: As we leave from this place, we ask God to help us to be revealers of God by living under God's reign.

Many: God, give us the strength to love and the courage to forgive. May your light shine in our hearts so that all of the world may know you. Amen.