

Service for February 7, 2021  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: Praise the Lord! How good it is for us to gather and sing praises to our God.

P: **Great is our Lord, who understands us, lifts us up, and strengthens us.**

L: Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, who fills our lives with steadfast love.

P:**Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer:

**O God, you have created us as your people and called us to partner with you in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth so that all your people can be in relationship with you and with each other. May the Holy Spirit fill us with passion and enthusiasm for the gospel so that we can serve and love with all that we are and with all that we have. We pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Confession:

**O God, you have created us in your image and called us to partner with you to spread the good news to all your people. Too often, we have defined “all your people” to be those who are like us in the way we look, speak, and live. We have shied away from going across boundaries to those who are different and we have withheld your love. We have judged those who are different according to our standards, not knowing their circumstances. Forgive us, O God. Fill our hearts with your love and compassion for others. Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones and reach out with the love of Jesus Christ so that we can partner with you in enlarging your Kingdom here on earth. We pray in Jesus’ name, our example and savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Responsively Read Psalm 147: 1-11, 20

Praise the LORD.<sup>[a]</sup>

How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

**<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.**

**<sup>4</sup>He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.**

**<sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.**

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

**<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;  
make music to our God on the harp.**

**<sup>8</sup>He covers the sky with clouds;  
he supplies the earth with rain  
and makes grass grow on the hills.**

**<sup>9</sup>He provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they call.**

**<sup>10</sup>His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;**

**<sup>11</sup>the LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

**He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws.<sup>[a]</sup>**

**Praise the LORD.**

Prayers of the People:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is The kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN**

**Hymn:** Precious Lord Take My Hand

Read the Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Message

**Hymn:** He Touched Me

Offertory Prayer:

**God of grace and mercy, you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. We remember this morning that Jesus' ministry was deeply involved in both healing of people's bodies and healing of relationships. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing – of body, of spirit, of broken relationships – to people who are in desperate need. This we pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Benediction:

**Last Hymn:** Take Time to Be Holy