

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY
MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2012
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WE ENTER

Please silence electronic devices.

I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain.

James A. Baldwin

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

Maya Angelou

I prayed for twenty years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs.

Frederick Douglass

CHIMING

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love

Gordon Young

Acolytes:

Caroline and Anna Butler

PRAISING

INTROIT

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

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*CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 147:1-7*

Colby Whittaker

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Many: Praise God!

One: God builds up Jerusalem and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Many: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

One: God determines the number of the stars and gives them all their names.

Many: God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting!

One: Great is God, abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

Many: God lifts up the downtrodden....

One: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

Many: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

*GATHERING HYMN **I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table**

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*INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF JESUS (forgive us our sins) Stephanie Ford

#MUSIC INTERLUDE

CONFESSING

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dale Osborne

*We bring into God's presence
ways we are estranged from neighbors, family or friends:
places of hurt; hatred received or held; unacknowledged ill intent.
We also hold up in Holy Light the world's hurt:
estrangement of soul from soul, tribe from tribe, and nation from nation.
In prayer we seek forgiveness and reconciliation,
and fresh resolve in the work of justice and peace.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILING LOVE

WELCOME

Edith Wiggins

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please exchange the Peace of Christ with your neighbors.

LISTENING

READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 40:21-31

ANTHEM

Blagoslovi, dushe moya, Ghospoda

Ippolitov-Ivanov

Bless the Lord, O my soul
Blessed art Thou, O Lord
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name,
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.
-from the Divine Liturgy, Op. 37 (Ps. 103:1-6)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

*HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

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Choir, verses

All: Refrain

Please remain standing at the conclusion of the hymn, as children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited to recess for worship. Children giving an offering may place it in the box on the baptistry.

MEDITATION

Rising to Serve

Peter JB Carman

RESPONDING

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES IN SERVICE

Offertory

I Vow to Thee

G. Holst

*Doxology

Please feel free to sign along with the leader, or simply sing.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

SHARING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving
*Reading of the Binkley Church Covenant

The Binkley Church Covenant

Professing our faith in Jesus Christ, we covenant with God and one another to live together as members of this church in obedience to God's will as it has been and shall be made known to us. As part of the body of Christ throughout the world, we promise to express our faithfulness to Christ in love for one another and for the whole of God's creation. The Spirit of God assisting us, we further promise to attend the services of this congregation, observe its sacraments, support its mission to all people, practice faithful stewardship of our possessions and be conscientious caretakers of the Earth, endeavoring always to be a fruitful body of Christians. AMEN

TURNING AND RETURNING

SHARING THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

INVITATION

If you wish to become a member of this congregation of the Body of Christ today, you are invited to come forward during the first verse of this hymn to be welcomed and received.

*HYMN OF INVITATION **Take My Life** 609

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE **May the Blessing of God** 448

POSTLUDE **Toccata in G** J. S. Bach

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

#Those person arriving after the Prelude may be seated at these times.

Persons wishing for assistance with hearing during the worship service are encouraged to check out an FM receiver in the Narthex just before service begins.

The flowers on the communion table today are provided by David Rosenthal in honor of the birthday of his wife and best friend, Lori Barbier.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Holy Communion is a sacred, central part of Christian worship. It is a holy act, in which we, individually and corporately, commune with the Loving God. We welcome all who desire a deepened relationship with Christ to the Communion table.

From time to time, questions arise concerning the participation of young children in this congregation's service of Holy Communion. The Diaconate recognizes that two historic Baptist principles inform this decision. Baptists are set apart from many other Christian traditions by our practice of Believer's Baptism, which signifies full membership in the church. Traditionally, many Baptist churches encourage persons to receive the Communion bread and cup for the first time after they have been baptized. At the same time, our historic insistence on Soul Liberty reminds us that Baptists value and respect each believer's unique and personal relationship with God. The Diaconate thus recommends that all members of Binkley continue to deepen their understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion, and that families enter into a time of discernment concerning when their children are able to appreciate the sacred nature of Communion. We affirm the responsibility of all believers to determine whether and when they and their children will partake of the Communion elements as we all participate in the service of Communion.

Pastors' Discretionary Relief Fund

On Communion Sundays you are invited to make a special offering to the Discretionary Fund. Your support of this fund allows Binkley to then give support to our church and community members who are in financial crisis. Earmark any checks "Discretionary Fund" in the item section. Envelopes are available in the chair racks. *For the remainder of 2012, your contributions to the fund can grow through the matching gift efforts of an anonymous donor. Any monthly gifts received which bring our total for the month above \$250.00 will be matched dollar for dollar for the next \$300.00 donated. We are grateful for all who can support the church's emergency relief efforts.*

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