

5th SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: When we seek justice for the other, when we
love kindness more than ever,

People: we live as God asks us to live.

Leader: When we walk humbly through life, when we
offer mercy to those who hurt us,

People: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: When we are willing to look foolish by following
Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than
power,

People: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

No. 285

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Shari Plunkett

Acts 6:1-6 (pg. 1700)

 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

Lamb of God ... Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading

Romans 16:1-2 (pg. 1768)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"Protecting and Nurturing God's Children"

2nd in the Series "What Presbyterians Believe About the Church"


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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- *  **Hymn of Response** · The Summons
See pg. 6

Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- *  **Closing Hymn** · Blessed Be the Tie That Binds
No. 438

- * **Benediction**

- *  **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)