

KNOX WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able ♫+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Toccata" Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Welcoming & Candle Lighting

Responsive Call to Worship

Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,
So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.
We gather together, with devotion and doubt,
with weariness and wonder
trusting that God's peace and love are present here.
Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.
We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.

♫↑ **Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" VU 660

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Holy One,
we confess we have taken your creation for granted.
We squander its resources as if they were only for us.
We consume whatever we want, selfishly and carelessly.
Forgive us, we pray.
Shine your light on us so we see the ways of your wisdom
more clearly
and follow the path Jesus sets before us with more humble hearts.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♫+ **Hymn:** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" VU 210

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14, Narrow Gate

Anthem: "Come Into the Presence" Judith Snowdon

Sermon: **What's Behind the Narrow Gate?**

♫↑ **Offering Hymn:** "Long Ago and Far Away" MV 195

Offering Prayer

Communion

God be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift our hearts in prayer.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is good to give God our thanks and praise.

Loving God, Source of all, --- we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, Eternal One. --- Life's greatest feast before us,
we excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (VU p. 914)

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Devotional Music: “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” Wayne L. Wold

♪↑**Hymn:** “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” VU 633

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑**Benediction Response:** “God Says” MV 172 (*verse 4 only*)

**God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything.”**

Postlude: “Trompette ou de Cornet en Dialogue”
Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung

Scripture Reader: Alan MacKenna

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Ministry of Music: Knox Church Choir

Usher and Greeter: Marnie Thompson, Dave Cass

Communion Servers: Catherine Shen, Helena Ho, Sandra Trueman, Phil King

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Power Point Preparation: Anne MacKenna

Webminder: Debra Danny

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February 5, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (*Communion*)

Text: Matthew 7:13-14, Narrow Gate

Title: What's Behind the Narrow Gate?

Synopsis: Jesus said, "Enter through the Narrow Gate." What's behind the gate you choose to enter in life?

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“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”, (Beach Spring, tune from *The Sacred Harp* 1844), arr. Wayne L. Wold, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent*, ISBN 0-8006-5897-3, Augsburg Fortress, 2000

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness"

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