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5th Sunday after Epiphany

It was Mother Teresa who said, "You will never know
that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got."

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Duet

The Quiet Garden

Gilbert Martin

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

Psalm 40:3 (NLT)

[God] has given a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our
God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will
put their trust in the Lord.

* Opening Prayer

God of miracles, sometimes we are slow to believe in your power,
even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day.
Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.

* Opening Song

Come, we that love the Lord (vv. 1-2, 4) # 14

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,

and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

*Refrain: We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God,
but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king,
and speak their joys abroad,
and speak their joys abroad. *[Refrain]*
4. Then let our songs abound,
and ev'ry tear be dry.
We're marching thru Immanuel's ground,
we're marching thru Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. *[Refrain]*

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

Song *There is a balm in Gilead* #627

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *[Refrain]*
2. If you can't preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,

you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, “He died for all.” *[Refrain]*

Time with Our Children

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

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We participate in a number of local civic organizations to stay in touch with community needs, challenges, and efforts. Most recently we’ve partnered with the Henrico Minister’s Conference’s book drive, but the Veteran’s Liberation Shelter on Hull Street, FeedMore’s Community Kitchen, and the LAMBs Basket are near and dear projects of West Richmond. We can help make these efforts a success by supporting them through volunteers and with supplies/finances. These are very tangible way for us to be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture Lesson

John 4:46-54, 5:1-18 *(MSG)*

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ Now he was back in Cana of Galilee, the place where he made the water into wine. Meanwhile in Capernaum, there was a certain official from the king’s court whose son was sick. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and asked that he come down and heal his son, who was on the brink of death. Jesus put him off: “Unless you people are dazzled by a miracle, you refuse to believe.”

⁴⁹ But the court official wouldn’t be put off. “Come down! It’s life or death for my son.”

⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ Jesus simply replied, “Go home. Your son lives.”

The man believed the bare word Jesus spoke and headed home. On his way back, his servants intercepted him and announced, “Your son lives!”

⁵²⁻⁵³ He asked them what time he began to get better. They said, “The fever broke yesterday afternoon at one o’clock.” The father knew that that was the very moment Jesus had said, “Your son lives.”

⁵³⁻⁵⁴ That settled it. Not only he but his entire household believed. This was now the second sign Jesus gave after having come from Judea into Galilee.

5 ¹⁻⁶ Soon another Feast came around and Jesus was back in Jerusalem. Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there was a pool, in Hebrew called *Bethesda*, with five alcoves. Hundreds of sick people—blind, crippled, paralyzed—were in these alcoves. One man had been an invalid there for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him stretched out by the pool and knew how long he had been there, he said, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ The sick man said, “Sir, when the water is stirred, I don’t have anybody to put me in the pool. By the time I get there, somebody else is already in.”

⁸⁻⁹ Jesus said, “Get up, take your bedroll, start walking.” The man was healed on the spot. He picked up his bedroll and walked off.

⁹⁻¹⁰ That day happened to be the Sabbath. The Jews stopped the healed man and said, “It’s the Sabbath. You can’t carry your bedroll around. It’s against the rules.”

¹¹ But he told them, “The man who made me well told me to. He said, ‘Take your bedroll and start walking.’”

¹²⁻¹³ They asked, “Who gave you the order to take it up and start walking?” But the healed man didn’t know, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd.

¹⁴ A little later Jesus found him in the Temple and said, “You look wonderful! You’re well! Don’t return to a sinning life or something worse might happen.”

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ The man went back and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. That is why the Jews were out to get Jesus—because he did this kind of thing on the Sabbath.

¹⁷ But Jesus defended himself. “My Father is working straight through, even on the Sabbath. So am I.”

¹⁸ That really set them off. The Jews were now not only out to expose him; they were out to *kill* him. Not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was calling God his own Father, putting himself on a level with God.

Song

By Peter's House

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1. By Peter's house in village fair,
you met the sick and healed them there.
Down crowded path the woman trod
to touch the robe of the Son of God.

*Refrain: O Jesus of the healing hem
and hand and heart, heal us to them*

2. On quiet pool your shadow fell
to bless, to heal, to make folk well.
On mountain or where waves wash wide,
the throngs found wholeness at your side. *[Refrain]*
3. In synagogue, by temple wall,
the blind found sight, the lame stood tall.
“Your faith healed,” you said, and then
the faint grew strong, deaf heard again. *[Refrain]*
4. You met their need. O, hear our call
from bed and chair, in room and hall.
O, give to us the faith they knew,
the strength to trust, to come to you! *[Refrain]*

Sermon

“Health and Wholeness”

Invitation to Anointing

