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Celebration of Worship
February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

CCLI #1708350
One License # A-727249
GG – Glory to God Hymnal
PH – Presbyterian Hymnal

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Words of Grace

***Opening Song**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Worship

Elder Elaine Valente

One How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Many God heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

One God counts the stars and calls them each by name.

Many How great is our God whose power is absolute—with comprehension beyond our understanding.

One So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God.
Offer to God that worship that belongs to our Creator!

Sung Response

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Prayer of Confession

- One Come into the chill of our existence, O God,
and the cool of our soul.
Bring the warmth of Your presence,
the glow of enthusiastic worship.
- Many Come into the routine of our church, O God,
into the familiar nature of our relationships.
Bring the joy of good friends,
the assurance that there are those on whom we can
rely.**
- One Come into our habitual ways, O God,
the groove of our family life.
Bring the inspiration of fresh challenges,
the satisfaction of caring for our loved ones faithfully.
- Many O God, we rejoice that Jesus goes ahead of us.
Forgive us when we do not follow Him,
Jesus who is the pattern of our faith community,
and the direction of our future.**
- One O God, we rejoice that Jesus the Compassionate
One goes with us,
calling us to acts of caring,
showing us how much can be achieved if we work
together. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Thanks be to God.**

*Passing of the Peace

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:17-18 NT 4
Elder Lee Gieseman

Time for Children

Children are welcome to come forward for the
Time for Children followed by childcare in the nursery for children three and younger.

Choral Anthem

More Love to Thee, O Christ, My Jesus, I Love Thee -Black
Voice of the Spirit

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 NT 171

Sermon

GOD'S PROMISE OF GUIDANCE

Rev. gretchen N. Sausville

*Hymn

God of Our Life

Offering

Call for an Offering

Offertory Music

(Prayer Requests Collected)

***Response**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PH 593

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**We give You thanks, triune God, for gifting us with so much—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions—signs indeed of Your
love for us. Make us grateful and humble in our sharing of
these gifts that others may see Your love in us. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

BOLD signifies congregational participation.