



February 9, 2025 – Livestream  
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Prelude*

D. Shostakovich/arr. L. Atovmyan  
Kevin Lin, Phil Palermo, violins;  
Heather Hinton, piano

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might, God has become my salvation.

**People: This is my God whom I will praise.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of Moses, Miriam, and Aaron.

\*OPENING HYMN #2234

*Lead on, O Cloud of Presence*

***Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,  
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.***

***Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,  
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,  
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.***

***Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land  
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.***

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Exodus 15

Leader: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

‘I will sing to the Lord who has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider God has thrown into the sea.

**People: Then Miriam the prophet took a tambourine  
and led all the women as they played their tambourines and danced.**

**And Miriam sang this song:**

‘Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider God has thrown into the sea.’

Leader: 'Pharaoh's chariots and his army God cast into the sea;  
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

**People: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.**

Leader: The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them."  
You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

**People: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.**

Leader: 'Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

**People: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously**

Leader: 'In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed;  
you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

**People: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.**

Leader: You brought them in and planted them  
on the mountain of your own possession,  
the place, O Lord, that you made your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever.'

**People: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.**

ANTHEM

*Miriam Han'via*  
Sung in Hebrew

G. Cohen

Ya lai la la la lai.

Miriam han'via oz v'zimra b'yada.

*Miriam the prophet, strength and song in her hand.*

Miriam tirkod itanu l'hagdil zimrat olam.

*Miriam, dance with us in order to increase the song of the world.*

Miriam tirkod itanu l'taken et ha-olam.

*Miriam, dance with us in order to repair the world.*

Bimheira v'yameinu hi t'vi'einu el mei ha-y'shua.

*Soon she will bring us to the waters of redemption.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Perry Kea

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. <sup>2</sup>The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. <sup>3</sup>But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. <sup>4</sup>The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. <sup>6</sup>When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.

<sup>7</sup> Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked. <sup>8</sup> "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.

<sup>10</sup> Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.***

***O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.***

***O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.***

***O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darren Cushman Wood

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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, forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2176

*Make Me a Servant*

***Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.***

## \*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## SECOND LESSON

Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1-2

<sup>12:1</sup> While they were at Hazeroth, Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses because he had married a Cushite woman. <sup>2</sup> They said, "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Hasn't God spoken through us, too?" But the Lord heard them. <sup>3</sup> (Now Moses was very humble—humbler than any other person on earth.)

<sup>4</sup> So immediately the Lord called to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam and said, "Go out to the Tabernacle, all three of you!" So the three of them went to the Tabernacle. <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord descended in the pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the Tabernacle. "Aaron and Miriam!" he called, and they stepped forward. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said to them,

"Now listen to what I say: If there were prophets among you, I, the Lord, would reveal myself in visions. I would speak to them in dreams. <sup>7</sup> But not with my servant Moses. Of all my house, he is the one I trust. <sup>8</sup> I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles! He sees the Lord as he is. So why were you not afraid to criticize my servant Moses?"

<sup>9</sup> The Lord was very angry with them and departed. <sup>10</sup> When the cloud went away from over the tent, Miriam suddenly developed a skin disease flaky like snow. Aaron turned toward Miriam and saw her skin disease. <sup>11</sup> He cried out to Moses, "Oh, my master! Please don't punish us for this sin we have so foolishly committed. <sup>12</sup> Don't let her be like a stillborn baby, already decayed at birth." <sup>13</sup> So Moses cried out, "Hear, Holy One, hear and heal her!"

<sup>14</sup> But the Lord said to Moses, "If her father had done nothing more than spit in her face, wouldn't she be defiled for seven days? So keep her outside the camp for seven days, and after that she may be accepted back."

<sup>15</sup> So Miriam was kept outside the camp for seven days, and the people waited until she was brought back before they traveled again.

<sup>20:1</sup> In the first month of the year, the whole community of Israel arrived in the wilderness of Zin and camped at Kadesh. While they were there, Miriam died and was buried. <sup>2</sup> There was no water for the people to drink at that place, so they rebelled against Moses and Aaron.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Say Her Name Sermon Series #2: Miriam*

Darren Cushman Wood

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #519

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

***Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;***

*sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

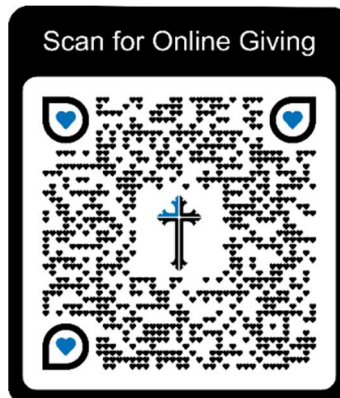
*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.*

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Polka*

D. Shostakovich/arr. L. Atovmyan  
Kevin Lin, Phil Palermo, violins;  
Heather Hinton, piano



*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of long-time North Church member and friend Dotti Gerner from Don and Gail Nelson.*

**Upcoming Events:**

Today, Book Exchange, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Today, Youth Group Roller Skating, 3:00 – 5:00pm

February 16, UWF Supper, 12:00 noon

February 18, LGBTQ+ Dinner, 6:00pm, Garage Food Hall

February 28 – March 2, Youth Lenten Retreat, Teeter Farms

March 5, Mardi Gras, 5:30 – 7:00pm

March 8, Children's Lenten Retreat

**This week's worship  
leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood  
*Senior Pastor*

Brandon Wallace  
*Minister of Christian Education*

Perry Kea

*Liturgist*

James Horton &  
Allen McCormack

*Audio Visual*

Mark Gilgallon

*Music Director*

Heather Hinton

*Organist*

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