

First Congregational Church

February 9, 2014

Fifth Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

*Epiphany means "showing" or better, "showing up":
The Light shows up in unexpected (odd, outrageous!) places,
and we open our eyes and say "Oh look! It's God!"
Those who are able may stand where marked (*).*

Gathering: #548 "As the Deer"

Welcome and Announcements *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading *from Isaiah 58:5-12*

One: Is this the way I asked you to honor me: by moping about,
feeling sorry and sad, hanging your head like a bulrush?

**All: No. This is the way to honor me: share your bread with
the hungry; bring the poor into your house; when you
see the naked, give them some clothes; and never, ever
turn your back on your brothers and sisters in need.**

One: If you will put an end to exploitation, finger-pointing and
malicious talk, if you'll offer your food to the hungry
and see to the needs of the wounded and poor,

**All: Then your light will grow bright in the darkness;
your gloom will glow like the noonday sun. And God
will guide your steps and satisfy your needs.**

One: You'll be like a watered garden; you'll be like a natural
spring, whose waters never fail.

**All: Your ancient ruins will be rebuilt;
and you will be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.**

Hymn #677 "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy"

Children's Time

Anthem

Moments of Concern and Celebration
(Please fill out a blue card in the pew)
Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music
*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #414 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: "Filled Full and Overflowing"

*Hymn (*on screen*) "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

*Benediction

*Response "This Little Light of Mine"

Postlude and Ministry of the Acolyte