

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 8, 2015

\*\*Prelude

Glenda Teachey

Choral Call

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

TFWS 2002

Call to Worship

L: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

**P: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.**

L: Eternal Power, be our support.

**P: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

L: Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

**P: That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, we may seek your face,**

L: and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;

**P: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

UMH 548

Responsive Prayer

L: Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

**P: Lord, we confess to you.**

L: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**P: Lord, we confess to you.**

L: Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

**P: Lord, we confess to you.**

L: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

**P: we have built up walls of prejudice.**

L: Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy,

**P: we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

L: Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

**All: Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH 402

Liturgy of the Word

New Testament

1 Corinthians 13

Psalms

Psalms 103:1-18, read responsively

UMH 824-825

\*Gospel

Luke 15:11-32

Message

"What is Love?"

Pastor Katie

Offertory

"Sharing the Love"

Choir

\*Please stand as you are able

\*\* Lighting of the candles

