



*They shall mount up  
on wings  
as eagles*

**Congregational Church of Lincoln City  
United Church of Christ**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

**February 5, 2012**

**11:00 am**

**We Gather Together**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

**For Silent Reflection**

*Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity. ~ Prince Gautama Siddharta (Buddha)*

**+ Call to Worship**based on Isaiah 40

ONE: Have you not known? Have you not heard? What human culture has not known the Mystery? Have you not felt it at the depths of your being?

**MANY: It is the Holy One who stretches out the universe like a huge tent for all to live in.**

ONE: Rulers may think their power will last forever, but they endure for barely a moment, a mere speck of dust in the span of time.

**MANY: The Holy One asks, "To whom then will you compare me, who is my equal? Open your eyes and look around. Who created all this?"**

**ALL SING:**On Eagle's Wings

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**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

ONE: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Holy One is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

**MANY: God does not faint or grow weary. Trying to understand the Mystery is impossible:**

ONE: The Holy One gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

**MANY: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;**

ONE: but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

ALL SING:

[On Eagle's Wings](#)

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And God will raise you up on eagle's wings  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Prayer of Preparation (Unison)

Holy God, you are the light of our seeing,  
the wisdom of our understanding,  
the delight of our loving,  
the source of our serving.

Guide us,

so to trust you that we may better understand you,  
so to worship you that we may better love you,  
so to love you that we may better serve you.

Silence

We Listen for God Still Speaking

Epistle

[1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)

Anthem

[I Want Jesus to Walk With Me](#)

~ Arr. Hal H. Hopson

African American Spiritual

Beryl Crandall, Soloist Muriel Dresser, organist

*The congregation is invited to join in verses 1, 3 and 4.*

Gospel

[Mark 1:29-39](#)

Message

Rev. Eldredge

We Respond in Community

Call to Prayer

[We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness](#)

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We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness and for your healing touch;  
too long have we felt helpless; our burdens seemed too much.  
For getting all pretenses we make our pleadings heard,  
in hope and expectation await your gracious Word.

We long to have companions  
strong friends to call and answer with whom we are allied;  
as we lift up each other  
community develops;

who travel by our side,  
when struggles lay us low,  
our faith and caring grow.

**We need your living presence, O Christ of Galilee,  
a presence that revives us and sets our spirits free.  
No longer are we fearful, your love pervades each place.  
Empower us with courage**

**to claim your healing gra**

Words: Dosia Carlson (20th C)  
Hassler (17thC);

harm. J. S. Bach (18thC)

Music: Pass

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**We Offer the Gifts of our Love and Labor**

**Offertory**                      [Air \(in E minor\)](#)

~ Bach

**+ Doxology**

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**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
to Christ revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Spirit now we raise  
our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

**Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Hymn**                      [Let Us Break Bread Together](#)

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**Institution and Blessing**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Thanksgiving After the Meal**

**We Go Forth to Love and Serve**

**+ Sending Forth**

[Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant](#)

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**Postlude**

*On Eagles' Wings*

~ Joncas

*During the Postlude you are invited to be seated for a time of reflection. Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall to greet one another and welcome our visitors.*