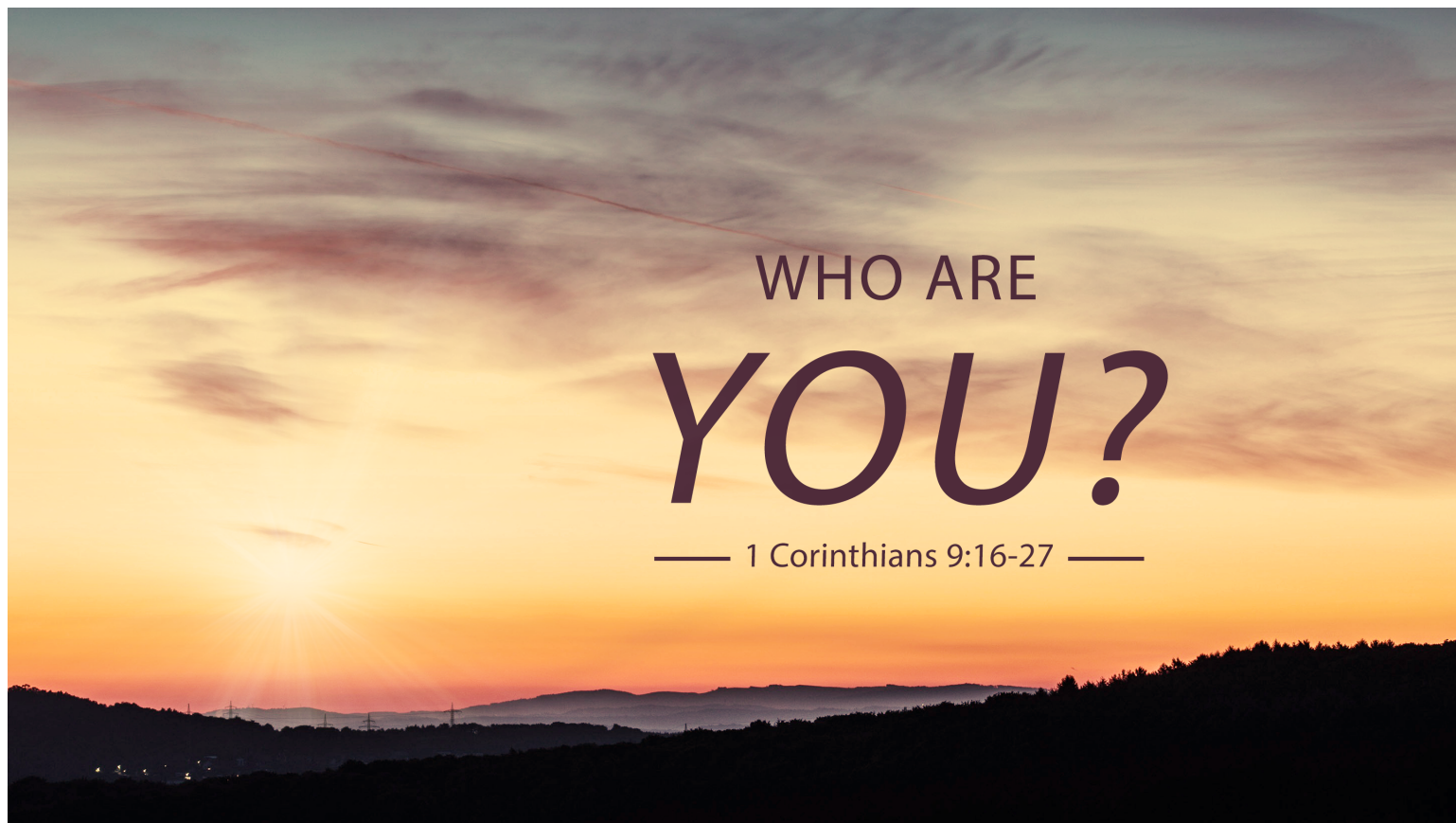


Sunday, February 4, 2024, 11:15am

Who Are You?

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



To say people have 'an epiphany' usually means that they have come, not only to see something new, but to see something that was already there but in a new or different way.

In the Season of Epiphany, we rejoice in the newness that is Jesus shining in the darkness and making Himself known to sinners.

But more than that, the Epiphany of Jesus, who He is and for whom He is, has us 'having epiphanies' as we come to see things that were already there in new or different ways.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: I have trusted in Your steadfast love,

C: my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

P: The Lord lifts up the humble,

C: He casts the wicked to the ground.

Silence for reflection.

P: Almighty God, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy upon me and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of Jesus, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray.

C: Merciful Lord, You have granted us a new identity and life in Jesus. Keep us, we pray, in this faith and life in Jesus that we may know with confidence we belong to You and live secure in this knowledge both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time

Isaiah 40:21–31

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 9:16–27 [Sermon Text]

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Mark 1:29-39)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon

Who Are You?

P: We profess our faith,

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children:

P: Lord, in Your mercy **C: hear our prayer**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

