

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Prayer in Preparation

Help us this day, O Lord, to keep our focus on you, for true power and steadfast love belong to you alone. Amen

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Come Thou Fount"

Robinson/Wyeth

The Call to Worship

One: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

ALL: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

One: We are here because we want to be God's people.

ALL: We come seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

One: Let us worship God.

*Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me";

Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Unison Prayer:

Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of discipleship. For it is in your name we pray. Amen.

Praise Response

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

ALL: Let the Lord's name be praised!

*Praise Response

"The Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you

(Greet people in your home with the peace of Christ)

For the Child in Us All

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1: 14-20

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Gone Fishing"

Rev. Shari Maddox

*Hymn

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there, my nets and labor

Refrain

Refrain:

**O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas**

You need my hands, full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving

Refrain

* Affirmation of Faith

"UCC Statement of Faith"

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and
death.

You call us into your Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world,
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You seek in holy love to save all people from
aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your
righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our
crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

Call to Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We Share Our Blessings with Others

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Prayer of Dedication

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we present these gifts to you from the labor of our lives for the furtherance of your righteous reign on earth. We pray that these gifts might be used to spread your love and justice to all those persons who receive them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

"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 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.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"I am the Light of the World"

Strathdee

*Please stand in body or spirit wherever you are.

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**The Annual Congregation meeting will be held January 31st at 11 AM
via Zoom and telephone link.
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