

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Prayer in Preparation

"Thoughtful Silence"

O Jesus, Son of God, who was silent before Pilate,
do not let us wag our tongues without thinking
of what we are to say and how to say it.

- A Gaelic prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Sicilienne"

Faure'

The Call to Worship

One: God calls the young.

ALL: Speak, for your servant is listening.

One: God calls the old.

ALL: Speak, for your servant is listening.

One: God calls women.

ALL: Speak, for your servant is listening.

One: God calls men.

ALL: Speak, for your servant is listening.

One: God calls everyone.

ALL: Speak, for all your servants are listening.

*Hymn

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

Call to Confession

One: Draw near to God,

ALL: And God will draw near to you.

One: In joy and humility we come before God.

ALL: Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Patient God, repeatedly—day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute—you call us to serve you. But increasingly your voice is drowned out by the noise we have created to isolate ourselves from you and those around us—the noise of our TVs, our iPods, and our surround systems; the noise of our political pundits, our marketing gurus, and even our own voices. Forgive us. Quiet us, God, and teach us to listen for your voice, that we may know ourselves in you, and know what you would have us be and do to your glory. AMEN.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

*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.

For the Child in Us All

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you

Scripture Lesson

John 1: 43-51

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Come and See”

Rev. Shari Maddox

*Hymn

“More About Jesus I Would Know”

More about Jesus would I know,
more of his grace to others show;
more of His saving fullness see,
more of his love who died for me.

More about Jesus; in his word,
holding communion with my Lord;
hearing his voice in every line,
making each faithful saying mine. **[Refrain]**

Refrain:

**More, more about Jesus,
more, more about Jesus;
more of His saving fullness see,
more of his love who died for me.**

More about Jesus on his throne,
riches in glory all his own;
more of his kingdom's sure increase;
more of his coming, Prince of Peace. **[Refrain]**

More about Jesus, let me learn,
more of his holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be,
showing the things of Christ to me. **[Refrain]**

Call to Prayer

One: God 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

Loving God, in every generation you have called children, women, and men to serve you and they have heeded your call. Accept these, our gifts, as a sign of our commitment to serve you in this time and place so that the world might come to know and follow in your way of love and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

*Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing;
unto God my praise I bring.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

*Benediction

*Postlude

"When We Are Living"

arr. Raney

*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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