

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025 10:30 AM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "In Christ is Joy" J. S. Bach

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: At the shoreline we stand in the midst of all possibility.

All: We gaze out to the horizon, we wait to receive what comes in with the tide.

One: We leave our boats and we climb into boats,

All: We rock in the gentle give and take of the Breath of Life and we strain against the storms.

One: At the shoreline we stand in the midst of all possibility.

All: And we hear the voice of the Teacher calling once again, "Follow me..."

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" #726

Glory to God Hymnal



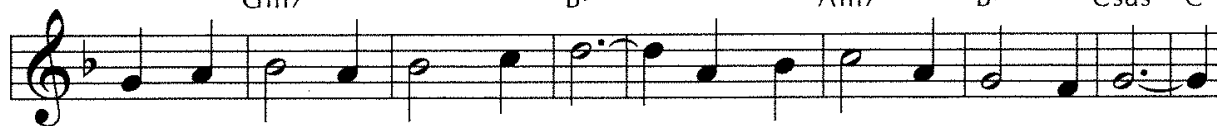
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
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will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

God of endless grace, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us.

Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we often shrug and turn away.

Forgive us for our lapses of commitment and faith.

Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. *(moment of silent confession)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (2)**

In this place and everywhere we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:13-22 Pew Bible pp.813-814

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" #448 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

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

Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.

Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.

Take my will; your will be done! Make you will and mine be one.

Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.

Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS

Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it;

if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it!

COVENANT QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our siblings in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Meditation in E Minor” George Oldroyd

(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

* COMMISSIONING HYMN "You Walk Along Our Shoreline" #504

New Century Hymnal

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**You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."**

**You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
Our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.**

**We cast our net, O Jesus; we seek your promised reign;
We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call on us to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
To let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Intermezzo in C" Hermann Schroeder

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