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*No matter who you are  
or where you are in life's journey,  
you are welcome and wanted here!*

**Ministers** - All of us!

**Pastor & Teacher** - Rev David T Herrin—216.832.3453

**Director of Music** – Jeffrey Jaskolka

**Moderator** - Diana Kurzawa

**Christian Education** - Pastor David

**Financial Secretary** - Donna Finch

**Treasurer** - Jim Lutz

**Clerk** - Judy DePasquale

**Facilities Ministry** - Charles Rumbold

**Leadership Development Ministry** - Betsy Taylor

**Membership Ministry** - Sherry Boyce

**OCWM Ministry** - Nancy Reeb

**Spiritual Life Ministry** - Betsy Taylor

**Stewardship Ministry** - Diana Kurzawa

**\* Please rise in body or spirit.**



## MEDITATIONS BEFORE WORSHIP

**B**y your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**A**s I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome. Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE WE ARE USING THE BLUE HYMNAL TODAY

**Prelude** ♪

**Welcome**

Pastor David

**Ringling of the Bell**

**\*Gathering Hymn** ♪

#236 *As with Gladness*

**\*Call to Worship** *1 Samuel 3.9*

One: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

One: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

**\*Opening Hymn** ♪ #559 *Here I Am, Lord*

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**Y**ou invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your desire for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, with the power of the Spirit we pray the prayer of Jesus-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.

**\*Glory Be to God** #174 *twice*

*Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord,  
And all people will see the sal-va-tion of our God*

**Right Hand of Fellowship — Bow of Namaste**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S MESSAGE

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Psalm 139.1-6,13-18

1 Corinthians 6.12-20

John 1.43-51

Word with young worshippers and pastoral message

\*Hymn of Prayer ♪ #477 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

## WE PREPARE TO SERVE THE WORLD

Prayers of the People — *God of Grace hear our prayer.*

\*Doxology *Old 100th* #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen!

## Holy Communion on Epiphany

Pastor: The Lord is here.

**People: The Lord's Spirit is with us.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Communion Hymn** ♪ *There's a Quiet Understanding*

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy One, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth! You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, O God of love and majesty, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself to be our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to Christ's Light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant

by water and the spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **People: Amen!**

Pastor: Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **People: Amen!**

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Love, O Lord, until you come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**People: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Gracious God, now and forever. Amen!**

Pastor: Because there is one loaf we, though we are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break, it is a means of sharing in the body of Christ. And the cup over which we give thanks, it is a means of sharing in the outpoured blood of Christ. Come for all things are ready.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We, from among the gentiles give you thanks for the gift of the Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Holy God you have poured out on us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives. May this light be revealed to all the nations of the world.

**\*Closing Hymn** ♪ #719 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*After the Closing Hymn, we make a circle around the outside of the pews for the Commissioning and Blessing.*

**\*Commissioning** *1 Corinthians 6.12*

All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. Listen to the word of the Lord as you move through your days. Trust that the Holy Spirit will guide your choices. See in each person you meet one for whom Jesus lives.

♪ *Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and hevean, and heaven and nature sing.*

### **\*Blessing**

God, ruler of heaven and earth, dismiss you in peace; Jesus Christ, light of the world, uphold you in love; the Holy Spirit, revealer of God's mystery, lead you in truth.

♪ *Joy to the world! The Lord is come, let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and hevean, and heaven and nature sing.*

### **\*Postlude ♪**

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

If you are interested in learning more about First United Church of Christ, or becoming a member, please speak to our Pastor or Moderator.

Please sign our guestbook as you leave worship today.

All tithes, pledges, and donations, may be placed in the wooden box at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you!

Office Hours: By appointment

### **Next Sunday –3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**Jonah 3.1-5,10**

**Psalm 62.5-12**

**1 Corinthians 7.29-31**

**Mark 1.14-20**

Please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelops on the back table.

Thursday January 21, Thursday Theology/Family Education. Part 3 of Mark's Gospel. 6.30-8pm

### Questions for Reflection

**W**here, in what place, and through what person or persons do you hear the call of the Lord? Consider it each day this week. Who has awakened in you a new prayer, a hope, an insight? Give thanks for those persons and moments as signs of God's love for you.

"Darkness cannot drive  
out darkness; only  
light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive  
out hate; only  
love can do that."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

### Known and Loved

*\*O Lord, you have searched me and known me.*

My God, you see and understand all that I am.

*You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.*

You know even my most hidden thoughts.

*You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

When I work, when I sleep, you are with me.

*Even before a word is on my tongue,*

*O Lord, you know it completely.*

When I speak, you know what I'm going to say before I do.

*You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*

You are everywhere, even right here with me!

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.*

I cannot imagine how you think or feel or create. You are so vast.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

And yet, you are close by, too. Always giving birth, always making new.

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

*Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

You even made this sacred body that I call home.

*My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.*

You know how I was made because you made me!

*In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.*

You write the past, you sculpt the future.

*How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

I cannot weigh or measure you, God,

*I try to count them—they are more than the sand;*

*I come to the end—I am still with you.*

I only know that wherever I am, you are too. And that is enough.

*\*Italics from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*