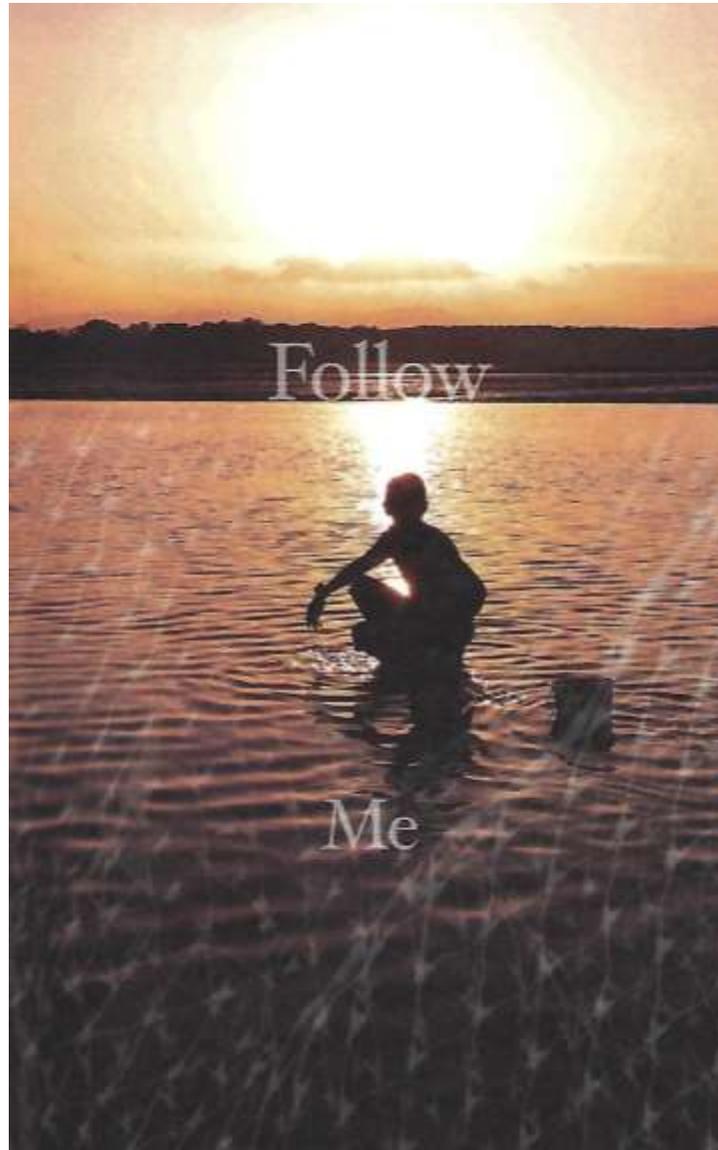


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*** Please rise in body or spirit.**



MEDITATIONS BEFORE WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 7:31 Psalm 62:11-12

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today—mourning or gladness, buying or selling—help me to focus on you throughout it all. Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

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

Prelude ♪

Welcome

Pastor David

Ringing of the Bell

***Gathering Hymn** ♪ #235 *Brightest and Best of the Stars*

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 62:1-2*

One: From God comes my salvation.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

One: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

One: Speak to us your word, O God,

All: that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples.

One: Come let us worship God.

All: We worship the Still-speaking God!

***Opening Hymn** ♪ #670 *O Word of God Incarnate*

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer** *1 Corinthians 7.31, Psalm 62*

The present form of this world is passing away.

Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you God, for true strength and steadfast love belong to you. We humbly yet boldly pray: 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

Jonah 3.1-5,10

Psalm 62

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Mark 1.14-20

Word with young worshippers and pastoral message

***Hymn of Reflection ♪**

#347 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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.

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

***Parting Song** ♪ #569 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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***Commissioning** *Mark 1:14,17*

Repent, change your ways your hearts, your minds, and believe the good news that God is with us and calls us for a purpose!

♪ 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**

May the God of second chances and new beginnings renew your sense of call and inspire you to go out and share the good news of forgiveness and hope!

♪ Joy to the world! The Lord is come, ...

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 –4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

Thursday January 28, Thursday Theology/Family Education. Final Part 3 Mark's Gospel. 6.30-8pm

Questions for Reflection--Psalm 62 ends by saying, “God, you repay to all according to their work.” Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 24, 2021

Mark 1:14-20

Follow Me *Ecumenical Sunday*

Last summer, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota galvanized the nation and sparked urgent protests in many cities. Although the Black Lives Matter movement was not new, it was newly urgent for many as marchers took to the streets, chanting, “Say their names” and “No justice, no peace.” For the first time for many Americans, our eyes were lifted to the role of policing in our communities.

Calls for change in policing include plans to shift financing to other social services and methods of protection. Activists invited us to imagine a 911 call resulting in response by the right person to help with a social service or mental health need. Those who called for changes in policing noted how seldom police are able to interrupt crimes in progress, and how inefficient the bureaucracy of policing has become. They drew a line from modern police forces back to slave times, when police forces were established to control enslaved African Americans.

It can be very hard to imagine a new way of organizing ourselves and our society. Even though modern policing is a relatively new idea, it can seem as if things were “always this way.”

When the men who became the disciples were called by Jesus to follow him, they could not imagine any other way of living. Their fathers and grandfathers and all the many generations before had been fishermen. Everyone they knew in their villages were fishermen. Yet, Christ called them to imagine something completely new. And once they did, they initiated a way of life that literally changed the world.

We are a resurrection people. This means that as Christians we understand as the most important tenet of our faith that something old must pass away in order for something new to be born. With the introduction of a movement to change policing, we have a unique opportunity to see our resurrection belief transformed from theological idea to lived reality.