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Order of Worship

10:30 AM

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
Ecumenical Sunday**

January 22, 2022

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC (in unison)

Bob Bower, Cantor

Here in this place, the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in, and make us your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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WELCOME

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PASSING OF THE PEACE (one / many)

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ's love and peace!
Messages of peace may be shared in the comments in our broadcast.*

SUNG RESPONSE "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.

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WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*one / many*)

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Come, let us worship together!

Let us bear witness God's living presence in the world!

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of love and community.

In the midst of cruelty and violence,

we proclaim the God of compassion and peace.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of justice and hope.

In the midst of loneliness and division,

we answer Christ's call and join him on the path toward new life.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

O Savior, let me walk with you
in earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be
in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give,
with you, O Savior, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879; alt. Tune: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1874. NCH # 503

+PRAYER OF RENEWAL (*in unison*)

You call us, O Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our safe harbors, into the uncharted waters of faith; to wander off the road of routine and follow you on the path of change. As we navigate our way through uncertain lives, speak to us, O Spirit of Grace, of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our rock; of that love which is our refuge. (We pause for silent prayer...)

WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE (*one / many*) based on Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
**I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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ANTHEM

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HUCC Choir

Words by A. Catherine Hankey, Music by William G. Fischer, Arr. Joel Raney

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Mark Arend

MESSAGE

"Called Together"

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***HYMN OF REFLECTION**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987. Music: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987. Text and Music arr. © 1987, WGRG, Iona Community

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE

INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

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OFFERTORY

"Wonderful Words"

Laurie Fox

by Lani Smith; Tune: Words of Life, by Philip P. Bliss

***SONG OF PRAISE** (*in unison*)

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace,
who blesses every time and place,
whose Christ shows every person's worth,
whose Spirit gives us all new birth!

Tune and text adapted from the Geneva Psalter (1551)

++PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Let us pray together. . .*)

Holy God, with these gifts, may we spread your light into all the darkness of the world, overthrowing the old and tired ways, standing up for justice, forging paths to peace, loving those it's hard to love, answering your call to follow, and trusting in you to lead the way. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Falla

***SENDING HYMN**

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:
as loving Friend, you have come to call me.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt. Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.
Tune: Pescador de Hombres, Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979. Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

“Joyful Jig” by Patricia Lou Harris

Laurie Fox

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD TO SHARE OUR HOPE

As our worship ends, our service begins.

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