

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 17th, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Voluntary on "Beach Spring"

Jason W. Krug

CHORAL INTROIT I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Anonymous

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is calling. Do you not hear?

You are being called by name for a purpose.

God, you have searched us and know us.

You discern our thoughts from far away.

Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God's call.

Do not confuse the values of this world for God's values.

You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand.

You know when we lie down and where we go.

Your words and your deeds are known to God.

You were known to God before you were born.

Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.

Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We have come together, listening God, because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome. We are drawn irresistibly to the promise of your presence and by the persistence of your call. Speak to your servants here in ways we can understand. We want to hear the message you intend for us. We want to listen, not because someone else needs to have it told to them, but because we ourselves are needy sinners. Your expectations of us are high and holy. We tremble before you, eager for the heavens to be opened in our midst for our transformation. Amen.

*HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, our lives are open books to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has heard your cries and felt your pain. Your struggles to know yourself are prompted by God's love. God leads the community of faith beyond what is lawful to what is holy. We are not our own; we are members of Christ. We are one in the Spirit. By God's grace, we are turning from self-serving ways to selfless ministries. Above all else, we who were bought with a price seek to honor and glorify God.

*GLORIA PATRI

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CHORAL ANTHEM Known to You

David Catherwood

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

*HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See

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SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) (p.245); 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (p.1041) & John 1:43-51 (p.967)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *On insert*

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Simeon's Song

Gregg

Sewell

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

We have heard you calling us, loving God, in the cries of your children - cries for bread, for justice, for relief. We have seen you beckon to us amid the corporate greed and social distortions of our day. We have felt the pain of sisters and brothers caught up in damaging relationships that violate your holy temple within them. We want to help, and we believe your church can be Christ's healing presence for them. Show us the way to be messengers of your gentle judgement and powerful good news. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, individuals, and groups. Amen.

*HYMN Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak verses 1, 3, 4

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join our Facebook group at UPCC Connection

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Jesus said, "Follow me," so Philip followed.

Jesus says to us, "Follow me!" Will we follow?

We do not always know where Jesus will lead.

But we hear the call, and we intend to follow.

Philip found Nathaniel and led him to Jesus.

There are many we know whom Jesus is seeking.

It is often difficult to share our faith with friends.

But we hear the call, and we intend to invite them.

Jesus promised, "You will see greater things than I have shown you."

We are Christ's messengers of revelation today.

Wonderful are the works of our God.

Christ is our mentor, our Savior and friend.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

POSTLUDE Fanfare in G

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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AFFIRMATION

Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
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even death on a cross.
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p.245

1-10:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

11-20:

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

1/20 5:30 pm Virtual Session meeting

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77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
 thee, sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain: glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 557

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. Ps. 119:18



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear,
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;



place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 and while the wave - notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



Refrain



set me free.
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share.



will to see; o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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574 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

For none of us lives . . . alone and none of us dies . . . alone. Rom. 14:7

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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