

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Organ & Piano • Jonita Lattimore, Soprano

Prelude

If They Asked You Why He Came

by Lena McLin

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Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

+ Call to Worship

with Pastor Hannah

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you,
and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

+ Opening Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

United Methodist Hymnal #519

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high
as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been
watered; we have come, treading our path thru the blood of
the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand
at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast..

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Verse 3

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met
thee; lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we
forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever
stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Opening Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

*Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in
our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to
walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our
enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we
cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating
others with all the same respect and goodness
with which we hope to be treated. May our every
word and deed make known that we are your
beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.*

Passing the Peace

(Social Distance Style)

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Song

Where Children Belong

The Faith We Sing #2233

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This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word,
bread and cup, prayer, and song:
this is where children belong.

Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

Scripture

with Paula Overstreet

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who
curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If
anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other
also; and from anyone who takes away your coat
do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone
who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your
goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as
you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love
those who love you, what credit is that to you? For

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even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. [a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Introduction of our Guest Speaker

with Pastor Hannah

Sermon Preparation

May the words of my mouth,
***and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to your Spirit,
our Rock and our Redeemer.***

Sermon

A Hard Pill to Swallow

with Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath

Hymn of Response

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

The Faith We Sing #2153

verses 1, 3 & 4

Verse 1

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Verse 3

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Verse 4

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

with Pastor Jeremiah

Offertory

Steal Away to Heaven

Spirituals arranged by Mark Hayes

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+ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

United Methodist Hymnal #94

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

with Pastor Jeremiah

Announcements

with Pastor Jeremiah

+ Hymn of Sending Forth

Let There Be Peace on Earth

United Methodist Hymnal #431

Verse

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace

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eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with
me.

Benediction

with Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath

Postlude

Ride on King Jesus

Spiritual arranged by Hall Johnson

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