

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023, 9:00 am

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

Leadership

Rev. Hannah Hwa-Young Chong, Lead Pastor • Deacon Sharon Rice, Minister of Discipleship
Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Piano & Organ • Jonita Lattimore, Cantor & Soprano

Prelude

If They Ask You Why He Came

by Lena McLin

with Jonita Lattimore, Soprano

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Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

Call to Worship

with Deacon Sharon

The God of new beginnings has called us to this place.

**We come celebrating the new life that is ours as
God's faithful people.**

Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision
see to the depths of every soul.

**We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's
light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!**

+ Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

The Faith We Sing #2236

verses 1 & 4

Verse 1

Here in this place 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 – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the 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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Opening Prayer

For God's Gifts

United Methodist Hymnal #489
with Pastor Hannah

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair. O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate. O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness. O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

Welcoming Deacon Sharon Rice

with Pastor Hannah &

Evie Burke, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Deacon Sharon, we give thanks to God for sending you to our church. We pray that God will give you joy, courage, and wisdom as you lead and guide us. Together, may we grow in faith, hope, and love. We welcome you to Community United Methodist Church!

Song

Jesus Loves Me

United Methodist Hymnal #191

Jesus loves me!

This, I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong;

they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Time for Young Disciples

with Deacon Sharon

Scripture Reading

with Sally Hines

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ From Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, together with Sosthenes our brother,
² To the church of God in Corinth, you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people, as well as to all who, wherever they may be, call on the name of Jesus Christ, their Redeemer and ours: ³ Grace and peace from our Loving God and our Savior Jesus Christ. ⁴ I continually thank my God for you because of the gift bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ in whom you have been richly endowed with every gift of speech and knowledge. ⁶ In the same way, the testimony

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about Christ has been so confirmed among you
7 that you lack no spiritual gift, as you wait for the
revelation of our Savior Jesus Christ. 8 God will
strengthen you to the end, so that you will be
blameless on the day of our Savior Jesus Christ.
9 God, through whom you have been called into
intimacy with Jesus our Savior, is faithful.

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Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

+ Hymn of Preparation

The Summons

The Faith We Sing #2130
verses 1, 4 & 5

Verse 1

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?

Verse 4

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 reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Verse 5

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.

Sermon

God Is Faithful

with Pastor Hannah

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+ Hymn of Response

Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land

Worship & Song #3161, verses 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1

Gracious Creator of sea and of land,
sculptor of coral and miller of sand,
stretch out your hand, part the seas of our lives.
Lead us to freedom and open our eyes.

Verse 2

Life-giving Savior who taught by the sea,
saying to fisher folk, "Come follow me,"
send us to gather the outcasts, the least.
Make us your aides at the great justice feast.

Verse 3

Spirit of Pentecost, still blowing free,
show us your vision of all we can be.
Call us to boldness, to goodness, to prayer.
Summon our courage, our dreaming, our care.

Prayer for Community & The 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 Deacon Sharon

Offertory

If I Can Help Somebody

by Alma Androzzo

with Jonita Lattimore

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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!

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Prayer of Dedication

with Deacon Sharon

Forgiving God, we bring our gifts to you this day and pray you might dedicate them to your work. We confess that we have too often missed being the church you wanted and needed, and we have placed the blame on “not having enough” money, members, talent, time, or power. We needed to be reminded by the apostle Paul that we have all that we need, whatever our circumstances. Renew us, loving God, and give us a new day and another chance. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

Invitation

with Pastor Hannah

+ Hymn of Sending Forth

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

United Methodist Hymnal #140, verses 1 & 2

Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Benediction

with Pastor Hannah

Postlude

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

by Margaret Bonds
with Jonita Lattimore

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