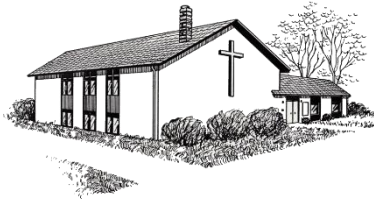


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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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***Bold print** indicates a congregational response.*

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.*

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

*For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.*

**Your love and mercy shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

*Great is your name.*

**Great is your love. Amen.**

**PRELUDE:** #506 VU – “Take My Life and Let It Be”  
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~words by F. R. Havergal  
~Rev. Tanis Kolisnyk

**1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.**
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God,  
you have called us to be members of one body.  
Join us with those who in all times and places  
have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind,  
we may show the unity of your church,  
and bring honour to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Joan Knowles*

Hebrew Scripture

**1 Samuel 3: 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.'*

## The Psalm

Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18

*O LORD, you have searched me and known me.*

*You know when I sit down and when I rise up;*

*you discern my thoughts from far away.*

*You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.*

*You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.*

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;*

*you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

*Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,*

*intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.*

*In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,*

*when none of them as yet existed.*

*How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

*I try to count them—they are more than the sand;*

*I come to the end—I am still with you.*

RESPONSE: *This is the word of God.*

**Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel

John 1: 43-51

~Rev. Don Johnson

*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 towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come 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.'*

GOSPEL RESPONSE:

*The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

*"Follow Me"*

*~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

A CONFESSION OF FAITH

*A New Creed*

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

*(based on Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**Glory to God whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*May God go before you to lead you.*

*May God go behind you to guard you.*

*May God go beneath you to support you.  
May God go beside you to befriend you.  
Do not be afraid.  
Let the blessing of God the Holy Trinity  
come upon you today and settle in around you.  
Do not be afraid.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE:**    *#560 VU – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” ~music by H. P. Smith*  
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- 1    O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
teach me thy secret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2    Help me the slow of heart to move  
with some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3    Teach me thy patience; still with thee,  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**
- 4    in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**