

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Spiritual Quote of the week

‘God is delighted to watch your soul enlarge.’ Meister Eckart

Welcome

Prelude Prelude on *REFUGE* W. H. Clarke (1840-1913)

Lighting of the Candles

Lighting of the Community and Christ Candle

For gathering today in this sacred space, we light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

L: The Word of the Lord came,

P: hope for all people cradled in his arms.

L: the Word of the Lord comes,

P: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.

L: The Word of the Lord will come,

P: gathering all the outsiders and insiders

L: into one community of the kingdom.

Choir Introit

Hymn #436 ‘God of Grace and God of Glory’

*1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow’r.
Crown your ancient church’s story,
bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 From the evils that surround us
assail the Savior’s ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our reckless, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
make our broken spirits whole,*

Make our broken spirits whole.

*4. Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be armored
With all Christ like graces,
In the fight to set us free,
Grant us wisdom , grant us courage,
In the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.*

*5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.*

Prayer of Confession Pastor Gerry

Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them.

Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

DAZZLING BOUQUET -Time for Children- Message- Live for Christ

*1. Come here, all you six-foot gladiolas.
Come all you purple lilacs shining bright.
Come let us all bloom together in one garden:
A carnival of fragrance and delight. (Refrain)*

*Mine is the church where everybody's welcome.
I know it's true 'cause I got through the door.
We are a dazzling bouquet of every kind of flower.
Jump in the vase, 'cause we've got space for more.*



UCC / DOC Missionary Partner this week Maria Bakalian
Lebanon

Pastor Gerry

Pastoral Prayer and 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 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

Choir ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings

M. Joncas (Choral setting by D. E. Wagner)

Scripture Reading - Mark 1:14-20

Jesus' message

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, ¹⁵ saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

Jesus calls disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ¹⁸ Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. ²⁰ At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

Hymn #172 'Jesus Calls us, o'er the Tumult'

*1 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us,
saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*2 As of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*5 Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.*

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon ‘Are we the Establishment?’ Rev. John Hogue

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Interlude

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Hymn #449 ‘Softly and Tenderly’

*1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
See at the portals Christ waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

*Refrain:
Come home, come home;
All who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling -
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

*2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not God's mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]*

*3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]*

*4 O for the wonderful love Jesus promised,
promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned Jesus offers us pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]*

Benediction

Congregational Benediction Response

May God’s Blessings Twine around you, perfect love, and healing calm;

**May God's radiance shine upon you; may it guide you, stay beside you -watch
and keep you, safe from harm. By Paul Burtis**

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