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United Church of Christ
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The Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 21, 2024 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Annual Meeting

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude – Fugue in G- by J. Krebs

Be Thou My Vision by Christina Harmon

Peter Dickson

All Sing: You are welcome in the name of the Lord
You are welcome in the name of the Lord
We can see all over you, the glory of the Lord
You are welcome in the name of the Lord!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer- Praying by Mary Oliver (in unison)

Praying It doesn't have to be the blue iris,
it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones;
just pay attention, then patch a few words together
and don't try to make them elaborate,
this isn't a contest
but the doorway into thanks,
and a silence in which another voice may speak.

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. — Response: And also with you.

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

CH # 595

Words: Irish song(8th c.); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905: V. by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. Alt.

Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I need not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou
and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Show Me, God - By Rev. Monica Dobbins

Scripture Reading

The Calling of Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The Calling of Isaiah - Isaiah 6 1-8

Silent Grounding Prayer

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem – Gentle Voice by Lee Dengler

Discipleship for All Ages - The calling of Saint Francis by Rev. Zeb Green

***Hymn**

The Summons

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Words John L. Bell (1949-)

Music: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell (1949-)

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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 life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call
your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
never be the same? Will you risk the hostile
stare should your life attract or scare? Will you
let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call
your name? Will you set the prisoners free and
never be the same? Will you kiss the leper
clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit
to what I mean in you and you in me?

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?

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 foot-steps show. Thus I’ll
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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.

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory – The Peace of Christ by P. Burkhardt

Peter Dickson

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Beloved God, We give thanks for these gifts today. We give thanks for all our blessings. We dedicate this offering to You and Your service. We promise to spread Your love and peace far and wide. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

CH #342

Words: C Gabarain, 1979; tr. G.C.Suppe, G. Lockwood, R. Gutierrez-Achon, 1987

Music: Cesareo Gabarain, 1979; harm. Skinner Chavez-Melo, 1987

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;

now my boat's left on the shore-line behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shore-line behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shore-line behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shore-line behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

*** Benediction - Commission by Howard Thurman (in unison)**

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.
Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

Postlude – Choral Song by Samuel Wesley

Peter Dickson

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

*** Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Annual Meeting followed by Coffee Hour

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock, Pet Pantry Patron, David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Blanche Mays, Cindy & Bill Tompson, Nancy White

*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Pastor Green or Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.

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