

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2021 – Light of Christ Campus of the UPG

Prelude Hymn Sings:

Hymn # 575 - In Christ Called to Baptize

In Christ Called to Baptize

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt.
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Hymn #470 - Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
 Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958
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Hymn #726 - Light Dawns on a Weary World

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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Hymn #677 - This Little Light of Mine

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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Welcome

Introduction to the day:

P: All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Prayer to help prepare for worship:

A: Let us pray... God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our worship continues with our prelude music

PRELUDE *(Music utilized to prepare yourself for worship)*

Prelude : In Christ Called to Baptize - arr. Michael Burkhardt

INVOCATION *(A call to "invoke" God's presence into our midst)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, Who creates us and forms us, Who redeems us and calls us, Who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Public statement of our wrong doings followed by the promise that God forgives us. Authorized by Christ!)*

A: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)* Mighty and loving God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In Your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of +Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen

OPENING DIALOGUE

A: Praise the Lord, all you children of the Lord, those who worship the Lord! Lift up your heads in the sanctuary and praise God.

C: It is good to praise the Lord and to make music to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night.

A: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C: Though the world often sits in darkness, the Lord will be my light.

A: You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning:

C: My God turns my darkness into light.

A: Stay with us, Lord, we have fears,

C: And the light sometimes dwindles.

A: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness,

C: But will have the light of life."

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(Invitation by worship leader to welcome ALL in the name of our God)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

C: And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits You give. May we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, day by day praising You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A: A reading from 1st Samuel

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to

do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 139:1-6, 13-18 (Please read responsively)

P: ¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in
your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A: A reading from 1st Corinthians:

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that

whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERMON

Rev. Suzanne Trump

GOSPEL: *(Gospels provide first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus Christ)*

John 1:43-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter beginning with the 43rd verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip 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.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And 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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Jerry Kulp

HYMN #798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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APOSTLES' CREED *(A summary of our core beliefs)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. (A brief silence.) For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A: For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A: For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our community of faith, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For our community of faith, that during this time of worldly uncertainty we would find ways to find ways to peacefully follow our Lord's calling and venture into new and uncertain futures while trusting our God, trusting one another, with love in our hearts, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A: We lift our individual prayers to You (*Silence for reflection*).

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of Your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One Who dwells among us, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of the peace

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Our Offerings

While the pastors are sharing information about the offerings, please prepare to receive Holy Communion. Unveil the elements that you have prepared at home.

Holy Communion

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: (*Please pick up your "host bread" and lift above your head emulating the pastor*)

On the night in which He was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

(Place your "host bread" back on your altar. Now pick up your "host wine/grape juice" and lift above your head emulating the pastor)

Again, after the meal, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

(Place your "host wine/grape juice" back on your altar)

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

(At this point please pick up your "host bread." If there are multiple people in your house, please share the bread with one another. We will consume the bread at the same time sharing our unity through this Holy Meal.)

P: "The Body of Christ given for you!"

C: Amen. *(Please consume your "host" bread.)*

(At this point, please hold your "host wine/grape juice." We will consume the "host wine/grape juice at the same times sharing our unity through this meal.)

P: "The Blood of Christ shed for you!"

C: Amen. *(Please consume your "host" wine/grape juice.)*

P: I now invite those who have abstained from receiving Holy Communion to speak the prayer below, as those who have received this Sacrament maintain silence for personal prayer and reflection on the grace that God pours out to us all!

Please take note: If you are abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, please utilize this time of silence to share the following prayer.

C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

(At this point, please "veil" the elements as the pastors are veiling the elements at worship.)

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and Christ's precious blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace unto eternal life.

C: Amen.

Post- Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray: Jesus Christ, Host of this meal....

C: You have given us not only this Bread and Cup, but Your very Self, that we may feast on Your great love. Filled again by these signs of Your grace, may we hunger for Your reign of justice, may we thirst for Your way of peace, for You are Lord forevermore. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This time will be reserved for any comments or questions from the gathered community.

SENDING PRAYER:

A joint prayer being shared by both the ELCA and the Episcopal Church

A: A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God. God of all power and love,

**C: we give thanks for Your unfailing presence
and the hope You provide in times of uncertainty and loss.**

Send Your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us Your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

**a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.**

Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,

that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Our Lord sends us forth to be light to a weary world.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Postlude- Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning - arr. Wilbur Held

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