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ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:00 AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US TO SILENT REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Brian Doerksen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#495/NCH, On Screen

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness:

We confess that we haven't been faithful in thought and deed. We've been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We've allowed fear and distrust to separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine into our hearts, Lord, and unite us in the same mind as the Christ who dwells in harmony with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God offers forgiveness to those who turn in true repentance. So beloved, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression and covers us in mercy. **Amen.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 Pgs. 682-683, CEB

Matthew 4: 12-23 Pgs. 1172-1173, CEB

SERMON

*GOSPEL

"The Other Call"

*Song OF THE DAY "Here in this Place"

Bulletin, On Screen

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each week we pray for a family or individual from our Congregation in addition to those in need of healing. Today we lift up the **Arbiter family**. Prayers for healing: **Alan Canterbury, Darleen Bax, Dennis Ford, Russ Hartmann, Ardella Morris**. ORGAN RESPONSE

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES	
"Jesus Is Calling"	Franklin Ritter
Invitation	
*Doxology	#780/NCH, On Screen
*Prayer of Dedication	

COUNCIL UPDATE

*Sending Song	"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"
	#539/NCH, On Screen

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Roger C. Wilson

*Those who are able, please stand.

Our Church Workers for today:

Pastor - Rev. Jim Nolan Organist - Sharon Banjavcic Lector – Jim Eisenhauer Ushers - Sue Ganschinietz, Carol Bulva

Activities of the church:

Today – Annual Congregational meeting following worship **Wednesday** – Council, 7 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

During the week, Pastor Jim's schedule is as follows: **Monday-Wednesday-Friday** 9 a.m. to noon

1-4 p.m. reserved for visitations and other appointments

Tuesday - Pastor's sermon-writing day at home **Thursday** - Pastor's day off

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