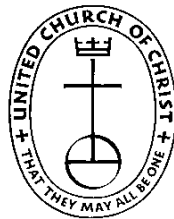


**January 21, 2018 – 10:00 am  
3rd Sunday After the Epiphany**



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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" Mark Hayes

\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 62

One: For God alone our souls wait in silence.

Our hope is from God, our fortress.

**MANY: God is our rock and our salvation.**

**God is our refuge and our deliverance.**

One: Trust in God at all times, in all places.

Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

**MANY: All people are valuable in God's sight.**

**No one is more important than another.**

One: Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.

Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

**MANY: All power in the universe belongs to God.**

**Yet God depends on our faithful service.**

\*OPENING HYMN: #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**We await your message, God of all places and times.**

**Sometimes we do not like what we hear, but we know we**

**need to listen. Your message is inclusive and fair, while we**

**like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends. You**

**call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try**

**better ways. Speak your truth to us in this service so we can**

**carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people**

**you are eager to reach. Amen.**

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

\*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**  
Lay Liturgist (Pages 1122- 1123 in pew Bibles)

CHOIR ANTHEM: **“I Have Decided Medley”**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL LESSON: **Mark 1:14-20**  
(Pages 1215 in the Pew Bibles)

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON:  
**“What kind of lure do you use when you’re fishing?”**

HYMN OF RESPONSE:  
**#502 “Dear God, Embracing Humankind”**

PASTORAL PRAYER:  
Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed it be your 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **#773 “Remember Me”**  
**Remember me, remember me,  
O Jesus, remember me.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Jesus Is Calling” Franklin Ritter

\*DOXOLOGY: # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION: **God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people – for their sakes, not our own. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN: #295 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING:

God sends us out into the world with good news.

God directs us to warn and to give assurance.

**We are disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**We have been commissioned and blessed.**

We go out as people who know our own weakness.

We rise above our shortcoming in the strength Christ gives.

**We will trust in God at all times.**

**We will speak God’s truth in love.**

The reign of God is drawing near to us.

It can be realized in our lives here and now.

**We accept God’s rule among us.**

**We are citizens of God’s realm.**

Amen. **Amen.**

THE BELL RINGS AS WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD, TO SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRIST TO ALL.

\*POSTLUDE: “Trust and Obey”      Stewart Landon

**“Our Worship has ended – Now our Service begins.”**



**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer* the family of Brad and Tiffani Eisenhauer

Prayers and condolences for the family of Sue Sharp, a charter member, whose funeral will be here at 10 a.m. Monday.

*And prayers for healing:* Ardella Morris, LaVerne Kistler, Terry Kissel, Darlene Schaperkoetter, Paul Fuchs, Ted Bauer, Syd Safriet, Tom Petroff, Hazel Baker, Mary Ann Glen, Charles Bogner

***Serving in Christ's Name:***

**Ministers** – All members of St. John UCC

***Participants in Today's Worship:***

**Pastor** – Rev. Rosemary Captain

**Minister of Music** – Sharon Banjavcic

**Liturgist** – Jan Miller

**Ushers** – Ginny Ganschinietz & Conner Brink

***Activities of the church:***

**Monday** – Funeral service for Sue Sharp will be here at 10 a.m.

Evening Circle 7 p.m.

**Next Sunday** - Rev. Donna Smith Pupillo, RN executive officer of Deaconess Faith Nurses will be our guest speaker