

St. John's United Church of Christ
January 17, 2021
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering Song

"This is the Day"

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

Prelude

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Hymn #71

"Be Thou My Vision"

Call to Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

Prayer of Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Kyrie

Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

Glory Be to the Father #704

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Children's Sermon

Roxanne Davenport

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

Sermon

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Offertory Response

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

**O God, may we who bear your name
by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
and your anointing Spirit share.**

Prayer of Dedication

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

**We give you thanks, God of all creation, for the power of your life-giving Word,
making the winds blow and the waters flow. Receive these gifts from our hands, and
use them to bring peace and blessing to all your children; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn #482

"Here I Am, Lord"

Commission & Benediction

Postlude

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Special Thanks to everyone who made our worship possible this morning.

Join us for a **Virtual Fellowship Hour** via Zoom on Sundays in January from 11 am to Noon. Our Meeting ID is 956-9219-1498 and Passcode is 767627. The direct link is posted on our website.

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Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 raise Thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Parts (optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.