

St. John's United Church of Christ
January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*Please stand as you are able, in body or in Spirit.

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"*

Opening Song *"Bind Us Together"* Bob Gillman

*Call to Worship *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

*Praise Song *"Shine Jesus Shine"* Graham Kendrick

Call to Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Hymnal Companion C-4

Assurance of Pardon *adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Hear the good news: Christ reveals the idols of our world and frees us from all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Glory Be to the Father #704

Special Music *"The Family Prayer Song"* Morris Chapman

Scripture Reading Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Children's Sermon Roxanne Davenport

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

Sermon

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Our Savior (debts)

*Closing Song

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

James Weldon Johnson

*Invitation to Giving

*Commission & Benediction

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

May the Spirit’s love, flowing like water across the face of the earth, fill you with every gift for the good of the world. And the blessing of God, Eternal Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always. **Amen.**

*Sending Music

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Peter Scholtes

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If you are ill, have a fever, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home.

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory from Claire, Os and Karl Pound and Pete and Imelda Blumberg from the Blumberg family.

Worship Resources: *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.*

Worship Participants	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Gloria Crum
Deacon in Charge	Mike Herbert
Lector	Don Hendrickson
Children’s Sermon	Roxanne Davenport
Media Coordinator	Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman