

Sunday Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM

Prelude

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Song of Celebration

The Faith We Sing #2028

Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!
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God is great, we praise our God with song! God is great, we praise our God with song!

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Words of Welcome

Rev. David Gregory

An Offering of Prayer

In response to each request, the minister will say "Oh Beloved One"
The congregation will respond, "Hear our Prayer."

The Prayer of Jesus by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days –come swiftly Mother, Father, come, for yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Prayer Response

The Faith We Sing #2128 (vs. 1)

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

Greeting One Another with God's Peace (*A wave, a nod, a sign of peace . . .*)

Choral Anthem:

"Take My Life Lord"

WUCC Choir, Ron Milliman, Dir.

Today's Scripture:

Carole Kohler

Matthew 4:12-23

New Revised Standard Version (updated)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

*"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."*

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Musical Meditation

Oleksandra Yurchenko

Message:

"More and More Light"

Rev. David Gregory

Song of Dedication

The Faith We Sing #2172

*Come, live in the light! Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

REFRAIN:

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more.
(Repeat REFRAIN)*

*Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!
(Repeat REFRAIN)*

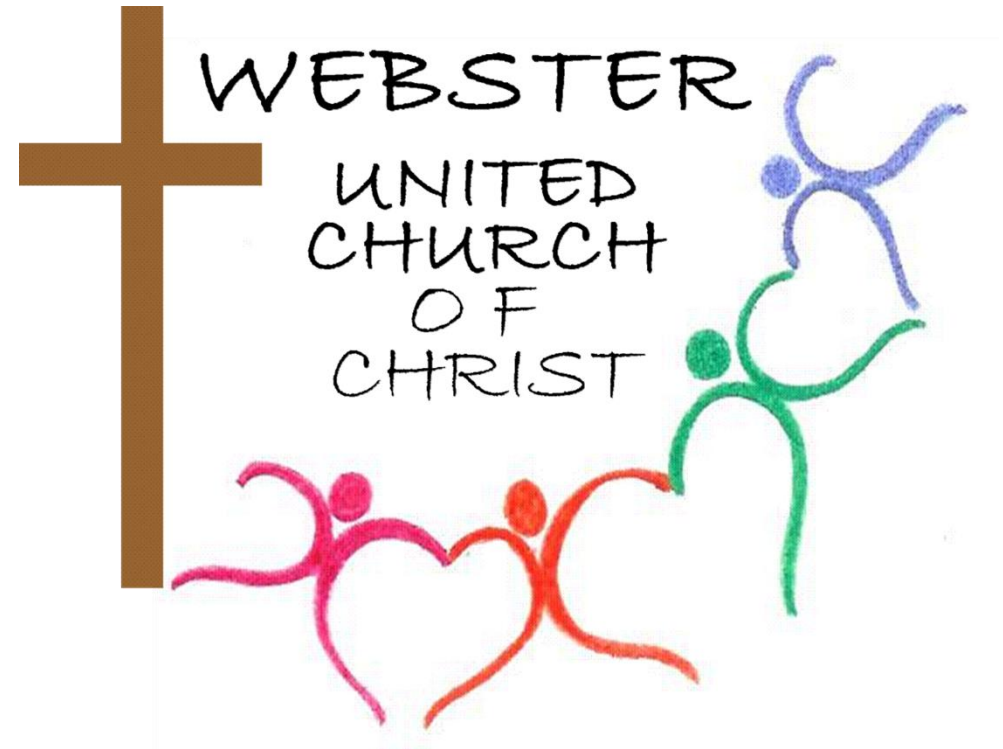
Announcements and Updates

Sung Benediction

*O Go in beauty, peace be with you, 'til we meet in our hearts in the light.
O Go in beauty, peace be with you, 'til we meet in our hearts in the light.*

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***Rev. David Starbuck Gregory
Interim Senior Minister***