

January 22, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*inspired by Psalm 27:1, 4-9*)

Leader: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

People: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

Leader: We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and throughout the week.

People: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

Leader: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

People: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God's greatness.

***Hymn #86:** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

***Invocation**

Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your majesty and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you. We're grateful to find you. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 4:12-23

David Alexander

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

Sermon: "Being Seen By Jesus"

***Hymn #172:** "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

When Jesus calls his disciples, he promises to transform the gifts they already possess to be used for the glory and kingdom of God. Let us offer our resources in following Jesus.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Great God, receive our gifts of ourselves and our resources for the benefit and building of Your vision for our world.

***Hymn #177: "God of Change and Glory"**

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Recognize Greatness: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Epiphany was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.