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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

January 24, 2021 + Third Sunday After Epiphany + 10:00 AM

Bolded text - said in unison by all
* If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

Worship Leader: Dr. Michael Stewart

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"Greenwell"

by Tom Birchwood

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: For this hour,

People: Follow me.

Leader: Listen to my word

People: Follow me.

Leader: Think about your life as my disciple every day

People: Follow me.

Leader: Pray

People: Follow me.

Leader: Sing

People: Follow me.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Teach us anew, rock of our salvation, how your kingdom has come near. As you called Simon and Andrew long ago, call us to be your disciples this day, that we might meet you in the subterranean chambers of our souls. For in you we rest secure, in you we abide in holy love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory in the work of your church, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Jesus Christ. Yet our memories are short, and we complain if we no longer feel your presence among us. Forgive us when we turn our minds from the knowledge of how you have loved us. Pardon us when we neglect to seek you in the faces of lonely and suffering neighbors.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: The light of God's grace shines upon us and through us. Knowing us completely, God accepts and loves us still. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Selah

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Hymn of Illumination

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

TFWS 2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Esther Kim

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Sermon

"An Act of Grace"

Rev. Myungim Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

I Surrender All

UMH 354

All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

***Sending Forth**

Leader: Go as kingdom people, for the realm of God has come near.

People: We go with God's blessings.

Leader: Go as God's people, for that is who we are.

People: We go in the refuge of our rock and our salvation.

Leader: Go as those who believe in the good news, for that is our daily bread.

People: We go to live as people of mercy and grace. Amen!

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

"Praise the Lord who reigns above "

by Franklin Ritter

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.