

An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All Congregation of the United Church of Christ

> 19 January 2025 – 10:30 AM SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

\*indicates the congregation is invited to stand. Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE JAZZ ON HIGH Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals • Chris Charman, bass • Zack Olsen, drums

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*HYMN 593 [inside page]

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* (stanza 1)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Come joyfully before the Lord!
- All: God knows us and loves us.
- One: Come prayerfully before the Lord.
- God sees our concerns, our fears and our sins. All:
- Come hopefully before the Lord. One:
- Christ proclaims God's love and forgiveness for all God's people. All:

\*HYMN 282

African-American Spiritual

[refrain] Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me; looked so fine; l asked my God if all were mine. [refrain]

Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul. There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back. [refrain]

## \*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven: May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe. May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small. And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us. Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

WORD MADE PLAIN Children are invited to gather in the front of the sanctuary Joliene Gatlin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... Like the trees towering in the forest! May the peace of God warm you all over... Like the sun shining in the sky! May the peace of God rise and roll over you... Like the waves rolling in the sea! May the peace of God fill you... Like the wind stirring in your soul! May the peace of God surround you... [singing] Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen... [repeating]

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Barbara Broadbent, liturgist

## ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

## John 2:1-11

Barbara Broadbent

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

A Joyful Heart in Serious Times

Pastor Dave

MEDITATION

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (repeating)

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\*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other: to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us; to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church; to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity; to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace; to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love; for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

\*Hymn 472

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the shadows appear and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional

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Tomorrow morning, beginning promptly at 9am (concurrent with the presidential inauguration) you are invited to gather at our Peace Pole (SW corner of the campus near the Westlake School entrance) to pray for our nation. We will conclude by 9:20am, leaving plenty of time for you to join the 2025 MLK People's March led by the NAACP, assembling 10am at Pacific and Cathcart.