



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

16 February 2025 – 10:30 AM  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

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PRELUDE *Just As I Am* Elliott/Bradbury  
JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals • Chris Charman, bass • Zack Olsen, drums

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*GATHERING SONG #742 1) in unison, 2) repeated as a round

**Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,  
Gathered here in one strong body,  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,  
Spirit draw near.**

\*PREFACE *Jeremiah 17:5-8* Stanhope Cunningham, liturgist

One: Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

**All: They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.**

One: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

**All: They shall be like a tree planted by the water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and does not cease to bear fruit.**

\*HYMN 313 [hymn sheet] *Like a Tree Beside the Waters* SILVER CREEK

\*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

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

ANTHEM

*Blessed are the Poor in Spirit*

Jane Marshall

SERMON

*Sacred Honor*

Pastor Dave

MEDITATION

Songs &amp; 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)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

[www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving](http://www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving)

Offertory Music

*Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary*

Scruggs/Thompson



\*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 524

THIS JOY

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*I'm So Glad*

African-American Spiritual

**Here in the sanctuary, shortly after worship, there'll be a gathering for folks interested in membership.**