

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – January 17, 2021, 9:15 AM

Announcements

Music Prelude (Video) *I Believe*

Greeting & Candle Lighting (Responsive)

Giving God, Creator; our Source, our Goal, our Life: Create in us a new heart – a heart, which is open to all that is good, all that is kind, and all that brings life.

**We gather together to worship God our Creator, the Source of all goodness and love!**  
**Amen.**

Opening Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* UMH 157

Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 139, The Church of Scotland)

God of abiding love, present in all our beginnings, acquainted with all of our ways, intricately woven into the depths of all things – you understand our thoughts from far off, and know our ways intimately. As we gather to worship, we know that nothing is hidden from you. May we recognize your voice in our midst. As we gather to give you thanks and praise, may we relish all of the days you have written for us. As we sing, pray and tell our stories, grant that when we come to the end of ourselves we would find you.

Affirmation of Our Faith, Our Identity, and Our Calling

When life is good, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When life is bad, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When the world around us is happy, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When the world around us is angry, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When our friends sin, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When our enemies sin, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When our black and brown sisters and brothers are hurting, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When our white sisters and brothers are hurting, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When we agree with one another, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
When we disagree with one another, **we Love as Jesus Loves.**  
In all of our lives, in all of our waking and sleeping moments, in each and every breath we take, we find our identity in the one who has called us to *Love One Another*, Jesus the Christ.  
**Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession and Reflection

Special Music *Be Still, My Soul* UMH 534

**Gospel Reading** John 1:43-51 (NRSV) Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael  
The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Sermon “The Jesus Difference” Rev. Byron E. Brought

Organ Reflection

Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

Benediction

Moment for Ministry (Video) BAUMC Racial Justice Team Tom Bonomo

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service, and your witness.

**Love as Jesus Loves!**



### ***Jesus Shall Reign***

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

### ***Be Still, My Soul***

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt  
below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.