



*An Open & Affirming Congregation of  
the United Church of Christ*

January 15 2023 – 10:30 AM  
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE

*Keep on Moving Forward*  
R'Eli Cohen, Lori Rivera, Art Alm

*Pat Humphries & Sandy O*

WELCOME

Lori Rivera

\*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.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Philip Spradling, liturgist

One: For You, God, has made me glad through your work

**All: I will triumph in the works of your hands.**

One: O God, how great are your works! and your thoughts are very deep.

**All: A brutish one knows not; neither does a fool understand this.**

\*HYMN 282 (hymn sheet)

*Every time I Feel the Spirit*

African-American Spiritual

\*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

SCRIPTURE

*Exodus*

R'Eli Cohen

ANTHEM

*Shed a Little Light*  
Lori Rivera, Art Alm

James Taylor

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ANTHEM

*Pride (in the Name of Love)*  
Lori Rivera, Art Alm

SERMON

*Hearing the Call & the Legacy of MLK*

R'Eli Cohen

Meditation

Art Alm

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Matt

OFFERTORY

Invitation  
Offertory Music

[www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving](http://www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving)  
*I Dreamed of Rain*

Jan Garrett & J.D. Martin

\*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 (hymn sheet)

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey

\*BENEDICTION

R'Eli Cohen

POSTLUDE

*We Shall Overcome*

Charles Albert Tindley