



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

23 January 2022 – 10:30 AM
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

PRELUDE Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Maryse Postlewaite, liturgist

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

All: We are called to be God's people.

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All: We are called to be the body of Christ.

One: The Spirit of God is upon us.

**All: We worship one God – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – who binds us together
in love and service.**

*HYMN Randy Scruggs & John Thompson

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**God empower me to be a witness for you, acting boldly, in your name;
Seeking justice, where there is hurting, off'ring hope where there is pain.**

*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.**

*RESPONSE African-American Spiritual

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a* (select) Maryse Postlewaite

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of

you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

ANTHEM

SERMON IN DIALOGUE

Indispensable

Pastor Dave with Ken Thomas

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)**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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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 397

PLEADING SAVIOR

**Thank our God for sisters, brothers, one by grace in harmony,
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community.
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.**

**Praise to God for congregations, keeping faith with Christ as guide;
Many tongues of many nations, song and service unified.
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol, when our song is raised as one.
Glory, glory, yours the power, as in heaven your will be done.**

**Holy is your name forever! Heal divisions that remain;
Bless the church's new endeavors; make our witness one again.
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel, make us one we now implore.
Glory, glory, yours the glory, then and now and evermore.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE