



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

17 January 2021 – 10:30 AM

Second Sunday after Epiphany

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Celebration**

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Bonnie Lange, liturgist

One: Come joyfully before the Lord!

All: God knows us and loves us.

One: Come prayerfully before the Lord.

All: God sees our concerns, our fears and our sins.

One: Come hopefully before the Lord.

All: Christ proclaims God's love and forgiveness for all God's people.

HYMN 282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
led by Jazz on High

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; I 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.
Amen.**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

ANTHEM

Pride (In the Name of Love)

Jazz on High

Adam Clayton, David Evans, Paul Hewson, Laurence Mullen

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

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.'

MEDITATION

Shed A Little Light

Jazz on High

James Taylor

SERMON

Here I Am

Pastor Dave

HYMN 472

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

tune: 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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Offertory Music

I Dreamed of Rain
Jan Garrett & J.D. Martin

Jazz on High

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. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dave

POSTLUDE

We Shall Overcome

Jazz on High