

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

Luke 4 18



Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CONGREGATION

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah with Bach's Fuga II* arr. Cindy Berry

GREETING The Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

CALL TO WORSHIP Brenda Schneider, liturgist

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

Many: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

One: To proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,

Many: to set the oppressed free.

One: Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

INVOCATION Brenda Schneider

PRAYER OF CONFESION

Silent Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May that grace and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SNAPCHAT Pastor Kim

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE Luke 4:14-21

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON "Unroll the Scroll!" Pastor Amy

ANTHEM Mark Schweizer

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Amy

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kin-dom,
and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

HYMN OF WHITFIELD
COMMITMENT #309 We Are Your People

OFFERING INVITATION Pastor Amy

DOXOLOGY Pastor Amy

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION UCC Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and
apostles.**

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants

in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #311

Renew Your Church

ALL IS WELL

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

POSTLUDE

Christ for the World We Sing!

arr. Lani Smith



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

*The chancel flowers this morning are from Judy and Ralph Kletzien
in remembrance of their son, Peter, and in gratitude for our church family.*

**Please join us immediately following worship for our Annual Meeting
by clicking on this Zoom link:**

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