Westminster
Presbyterian Church

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering Words **Diane and Joel Chupp**

In the silence of a lonely night,
in the songs that children sing in the morning,
God calls to us.
We are here, God who is always with us,
listening for your words of life and love.
When we would decide to go it alone,
when we think no good can be found anywhere,
Jesus calls to us.
We are here, Friend who knows our longings,
ready to come and see where you would lead us.
When we think we have license to do whatever we want,
when we are convinced we need no map,
the Spirit calls to us.
We are here, Peace we are longing for,
so that we might help others find the way to life.

Opening Prayer **Diane and Joel Chupp**

Beloved One,
your love has companioned us since birth.
You know our stories, our struggles, the very roots of our being.
There is nothing hidden from you.
So we are emboldened to confess
our failures to discern the ways that racism
and other demons of hostility have warped our common humanity.
Forgive us, gracious God.

Pour your Spirit into us.
May she heal the wounds in our lives and empower us
to extend that healing into the life of our communities.
May we be disciples of your compassion,
Who live out our baptism, and live more fully into the promise
that in Jesus Christ
there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, or male and female.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Prayer of Illumination **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading John 1:43-51 **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was
from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 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." 46 Nathanael
said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no
deceit!" 48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig
tree before Philip called you." 49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater
things than these." 51 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 Come and See! **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM

Prayer of the People **Diane and Joel Chupp**

…We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

1 Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it sound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Our from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we meet thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Benediction **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Note: The Gathering Words were adapted from Thom Shuman.