



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“The Call”

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Service

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship
and relevant messages deepen spirituality
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

Our Church’s Mission Statement

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Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text.*

MOMENT FOR CENTERING

GREETING

One: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of our ancestors and God of our dreams, we gather today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your likeness,

Many: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light.

Many: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment.

Many: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: You have comforted us through slavery, racism, segregation, violence, stripped identities and unjust laws.

Many: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: God you have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and Love leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved.

Many: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

Many: Amen.

OPENING HYMN #164

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)

GATHERING PRAYER

One: Please join me in prayer:

Many: Beloved God, on this day when we are still reeling from the violence of January 6th and fear yet more violence, we are reminded of the words and actions of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a pastor who changed the world through non-violent action. He told us that darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can. Hatred cannot drive out hatred, only love can. And so, reminded of these wise words, oh God, we ask that you fill our hearts with light and love that we might help to drive out the hatred and violence of this world. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

ANTHEM

“Canon in D”
(Judy Nielsen)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, 21-24 NRSV (pg. 838)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20 NRSV (pg. 910)

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE #129

“Amen, Amen”

**Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

HOMILY

“The Call”
(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”
(IMMV Band)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life] or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.)

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can by mail or through prayers.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart hartacre3@aol.com*

CLOSING HYMN #171

(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

POSTLUDE

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus - Adaptation”
(Chuck Byam)

Please join us for a short fellowship time on Zoom at 12 noon

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(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr)

SUNDAY ROSTER

Liturgist – Troy Arient

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Homily – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

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Music Coordinator – Brandon Frost

Pianist – Chuck Byam

Organist – Judy Nielsen

- If you’re struggling to find hope amidst all of the troubles of our world right now, one source that maybe be helpful is this: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, 21-24 NRSV

Seek God and live, or God will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor, and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore, the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so our God of hosts will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that our God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Mark 1:14-20 NRSV

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

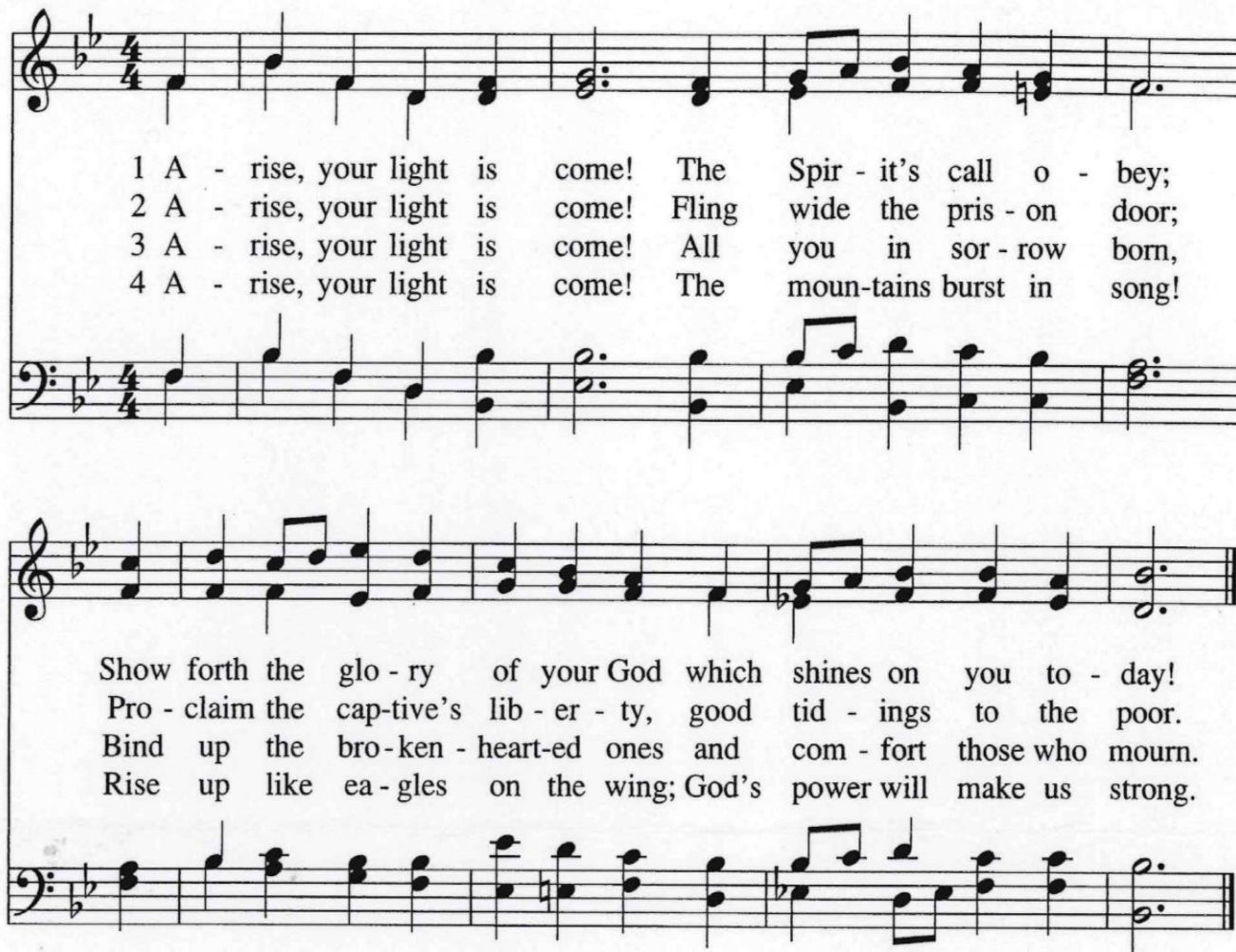
EPIPHANY

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Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the
 2 As of old, Saint An-drew
 3 Je - sus calls us from the
 4 In our joys and in our
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your

tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea; Day by
 heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from
 wor - ship of the trea - sures we a - dore, From each
 sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease, Je - sus
 mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call, Give our

day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low
 home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus'
 i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me
 calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than
 hearts to your o - be - dience, serve and love you best of

me," say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 sake, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 more," say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 these, Chris-tian, love me more than these."
 all, serve and love you best of all.