



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Following the Call”  
3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 24, 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: Enter, rejoice, and come in!

**Many: Today will be a joyful day!**

One: We waited for God in hope.

**Many: And God came to us in Jesus.**

One: And now Jesus calls to us, “arise and follow me!”

**Many: So we respond in faith, “here we are, we follow!”**

One: So rejoice, oh people, for you have answered the call!

**Many: We rejoice and give praise to God! Hallelujah, Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN #177 vs 1-3

“God of Change and Glory”

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

### GATHERING PRAYER

One: Please join me in prayer

**Many: From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, “God!”. In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

### ANTHEM

“This is My Song”  
*(Chuck Byam and Brandon Frost)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 62:5-8 NRSV (pg. 515)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51 NRSV (pg. 966)

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

“Following our Calling”  
(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“I Will Be Here”  
(Judy Nielsen)

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](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

CLOSING HYMN #173 (in English) vs 1-3

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

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

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 the Annual Meeting on Zoom at 12:30

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(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr.)

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## SUNDAY ROSTER

**Liturgist** – Troy Arient

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**Homily** – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Virtual Coordinator** – Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** – Brandon Frost

**Pianist** – Chuck Byam

**Organist** – Judy Nielsen

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## God of Change and Glory



1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,



when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.



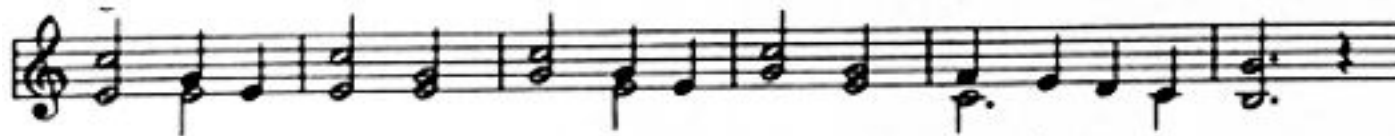
In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.



In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise



one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,



hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

**1. You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow.**

**Refrain:**

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small  
boat; now with you I will seek other seas.**

**2. You know full well my possessions.  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fish-nets and will for working.**

**3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary –  
A love that's willing to go on loving.**

**4. You who have fished other waters; you,  
the longing of souls that are yearning:  
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

### **Psalm 62:5-8**

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Them; God is a refuge for us.

### **John 1:43-51**

**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."