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Grace United Church
January 16, 2022
Second Sunday After Epiphany



We Gather as a Community of Grace

Prelude: Meditation on "In The Bleak Midwinter" arr.
Jenifer Cook

Welcome: Raymond Shea

Community of Action - Birthdays and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

Spiritual Focus

God puts us in a world of passing things where everything changes and nothing remains the same. It helps us appreciate that everything is a gift. We didn't create it. We don't deserve it. It will not last, but while we breathe in it, we can enjoy it, and know that it is another moment of God, another moment of life. - Richard Rohr

We Approach God

Call to Worship *Psalm 36: 5-10*

Creator God is like
The Fountain of Life.
The Healer of human and animal alike
With love and faithfulness extending beyond the clouds
Stretching out into the heavens
With righteousness like the Mighty Mountains
And judgment like the Great Deep

Opening Hymn **Voices United #218**

"We Praise You, O God"

- 1. We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.**

**2. We worship you, God
of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest,
companion and guide.
When perils o’ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise,
you walk by our side.**

**3. With voices united
our praises we offer
and gladly our songs
of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing,
we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!**

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Music: Netherlands melody 1626, harm. Edward Kremser 1877

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Opening Prayer (All)

**Creator God, we see you,
Where ever we may roam.
In faces we encounter,
In forests, birds and home.
Outside in frosty nature,
Inside our thoughts alone.
Forever you walk with us,
Our refuge, light and throne.**

We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

Illumination Hymn Voices United #626

“I heard the Voice of Jesus” (Tune #625)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream:
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn will rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

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Prayer of Illumination (All)

**Let's journey like the Wisemen
Towards the Light of God
To greet our Dear Sweet Jesus
Growing in God's love
To witness his life and miracles
God's incarnate word
We come with gifts
Bestowed to us
From God toward common good**

Scripture Readings – Pamela Shea

1 Corinthians 12:1–11 *Apostle Paul explains God's Spiritual Gifts*

The First Lesson is **1 Corinthians 12:1–11**, from The New Revised Standard Version Bible. Apostle Paul is explaining to the new Church about God's 9 Spiritual Gifts.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the

same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1–11 *The Wedding of Cana: Jesus' First Miracle*

The Second Lesson is **John 2:1–11**, from The New Revised Standard Version Bible. The Passage is about the Wedding of Cana in Galilee where we witness Jesus' First Miracle.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves

the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

May we see the first miracle of Jesus as a true sign from God. Jesus, Emmanuel. God is with us indeed.

Life Lesson "The Nine Gifts from God and Beyond"
Tammy Fergusson

Special Music: "What the World Needs Now" – Tommy Dorsey / Burt Bacharach

Soloist: Cliff Edwards

We Respond to God's Grace

Mission Hymn Voices United #559

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.
2. Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

3. **O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.**

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Your Generosity Matters - Dave Charles

"Theological Education Provides a Roadmap to Vitality"

Our Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of Gold, Incense, and Myrrh

We come bearing gifts for your Church

We come from all walks of life

Each playing an active part in your Church Family

Bless these gifts and may they strengthen our

Faith Community

For the Glory of your Holy Kingdom



God Sends Us into the World with Hope

Hymn of Hope and Healing Voices United #679

"Let There Be Light"

1. Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;
3. perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;
4. hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be thy name.
5. your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;
6. let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church

Closing Hymn Voices United #331

"The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

**4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**5. We now on earth have union
with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

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Sending Forth

Go now
Shining like crystal
As we discover our Godly Gifts
Dusting and buffing them
To share with our Church
And throughout the World

Benediction *Isaiah 62:1-5*

The Creator delights in you
There is hope in who we are
And who we are as The Church
God rejoices over you,
Like a proud parent on a child's wedding day
You are loved
You belong to God
Thanks be to God

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Variations on Aurelia" – Irvine Dearnaley



as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting. Thank you for joining us virtually.

Celebration Candle



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

Happy Birthday to **Gayle & Cliff.**

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.

Prayers for the people



Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

****Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. ****

Thank you to our guest Worship leader today, Tammy Fergusson. We appreciate your leadership, time, and dedication.

We would also like to thank Cliff Edwards, our guest soloist. Thank you for sharing your talents with us today.

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Donation Tax Receipts will be sent out this week.

If I have your email on file, you will receive the receipt by email. If you would prefer the receipt mailed to you, please let me know. I am in the office for regular hours.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

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January 16th – Guest Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson

January 23rd – Guest Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson

Important Information

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The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

This Community of Faith acknowledges all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with All People.



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