



First Congregational United Church of Christ January 28, 2024



4th Sunday after Epiphany

Partners in Ministry: All who are a part of this church

Pastor: **Rev. Enno K. Limvere**

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Peace Poem: **Bruce Tyler** Liturgist: **Steve Aldrich**

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Gathering Music
Words of Welcome
Prelude

Words of Poetry & Lighting the Candle of Peace

It is a custom in our congregation to light our Peace Candle during worship, as a witness to the Prince of Peace and our communal intention to be peacemakers as a Just Peace Church.

“Hope’ is the Thing with Feathers’ by Emily Dickinson

‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops – at all –
And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –
And sore must be the storm –
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm –
I’ve heard it in the chilliest land –
And on the strangest Sea –
Yet, never, in Extremity,
It asked a crumb – of Me.

Opening Hymn # 181 You are Salt for the Earth, O People (click [here](#))

Words of Reconciliation

GREETING

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

People: **Let grace, love, and communion be with us all.**

SENTENCES

One: Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

People: **For everyone who asks receives, and those who seek find, and to each who knocks it will be opened.**

COLLECT

One: Let us pray

All: **God of ancient wisdom and emerging truth, you love makes all things new. Fill us with the hope, not of those who think they are without sin, but of those who know they have sinned, who trust in your mercy, and who long for your heavenly reign to come on the earth; through Jesus Christ who lived and died and rose again for us and for our salvation. Amen.**

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

One: Let us call to mind the words of Jesus Christ:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; **People: Theirs is the reign of God.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn; **People: They shall be comforted.**

One: Blessed are the meek; **People: They shall inherit the earth.**

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

People: They shall be satisfied.

One: Blessed are the merciful; **People: They shall obtain mercy.**

One: Blessed are the pure in heart; **People: They shall see God.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers; **People: They shall be called children of God.**

One: Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake;

People: Theirs is the reign of God.

One: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

People: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

PRAYER

Merciful God, from whom come all holy desires and just works, breathe into our hearts by your Holy Spirit the gift of compassionate faith, that we, knowing your will, may treasure these words in our minds and hearts and may in all things love and serve you. Amen.

SILENCE

AFFIRMATION

One: Do you believe that God is willing, for Christ's sake to forgive all our sins?

People: We believe.

One: Do you forgive those who have sinned against you?

People: We do, with the help of God.

One: Do you resolve to offer yourself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that you may have the power to resist evil and to do what is good?

People: We do.

One: In Christ's name, and as one with you in the church, let us proclaim:

People: *Your sins are forgiven.* In Christ's name, and as siblings in the church, we declare to all: *Your sins are forgiven.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading – Mark 5:21-43 (New Rev. Common Lectionary Catholic Edition)

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. **22** Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet **23** and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." **24** So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. **25** Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. **26** She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

28 for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” **29** Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” **31** And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” **32** He looked all around to see who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” **36** But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” **37** He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. **38** When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. **39** When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” **40** And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. **41** He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” **42** And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. **43** He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Choir Anthem

Message A Tale of Two Females

Musical Reflections

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Mother God, you are in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

News of God at Work in our Congregation & Community

Our Time of Giving

Doxology

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

Closing Hymn Body of Christ (See Insert) (click [here](#))

Benediction

Sending Music

Opening Hymn # 181 **You are Salt for the Earth, O People**

1. You are salt for the earth, O people;
salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the City of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the reign of mercy,
bring forth the reign of peace;
bring forth the reign of justice,
bring forth the City of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the City of God!

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the City of God!

4. We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:
bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the City of God!

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Closing Hymn **Body of Christ**

Chorus: If we grow together if we move with each other,
the body of Christ are we.

We each have a part. We each are a member -
the body of Christ are we.

1. We are born to hear, born to see,
born to be a child of God.
We are born to touch, born to walk,
Upon God's path we all will trod.

2. There are different gifts, different works
given the Spirit form above.
Toward one goal, one common purpose.
To serve our God with our hearts.

3. God has arrange us in, one body,
Indispensable all are we.
one is honored, or one suffers,
We share it together a family.

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