

ORDER OF SERVICE
Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 19, 2025

PRELUDE

"Lied"

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Newsom

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another with signs and words of peace.

SONG OF CENTERING

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The lyrics are: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.' and 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!'.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: Come, let us give thanks to God!

ALL: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak, and hears the prayers of the forgotten.

Liturgist: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

ALL: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.

Liturgist: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

ALL: We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love not only our family and friends, but the guest and stranger among us.

Liturgist: Let us pray....

Go our Creator, you lift up those who are beaten down. Jesus, Brother to the poor, you are in our midst. Spirit of God, you make all our places holy.

Teach us to welcome and love everyone,

In the name of our three-in-one God,

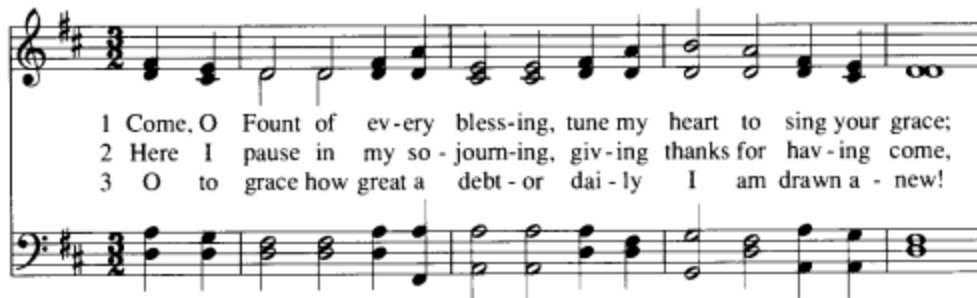
God in community, holy in one.

ALL: Amen.

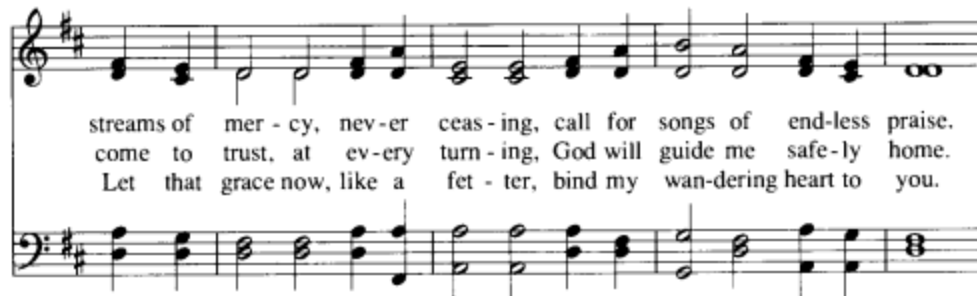
SONG OF GATHERING

"Come O Fount of Every Blessing"

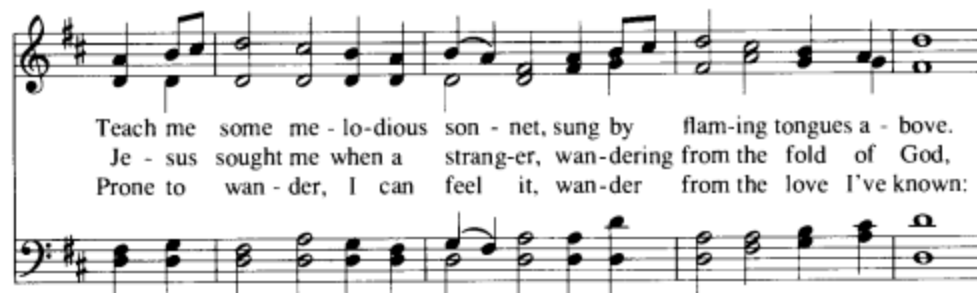
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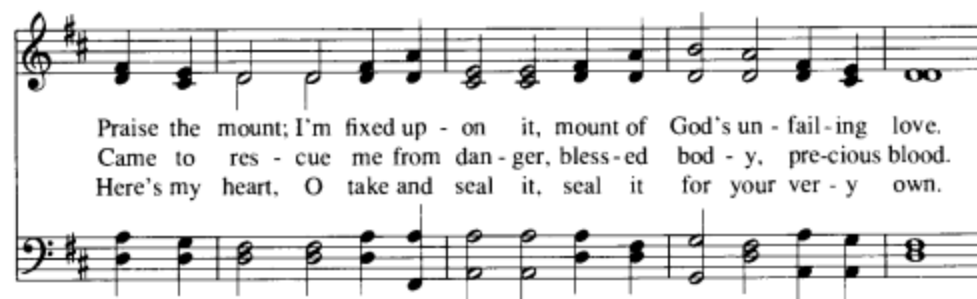
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

The Liturgist invites the congregation to be seated.

FIRST READING

Liturgist

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING DISMISSAL

JOINING THIS SUNDAY

Laura Roede (pronounced "Rudy")

Introduction of New Member

Bill Newsom

Commitments to Christ, Community, and Action

Bill Newsom

To the congregation:

Pastor: If it is your intention to welcome Laura into church membership, will you please stand?

Congregation to the New Member:

We, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help and our prayers, that you may increase in the knowledge and love of God. We promise, with God's help, to walk with you in Christian love, to aid you as we can, and to bind ourselves together in the common task of building here upon this earth the realm of God.

CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS BY ACCLAMATION

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-11

Bill: On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. During the festivities the wine supply ran out.

Liturgist: Jesus' mother came to him and said, "They have run out of wine."

Bill: And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to us? My time has not yet come."

Liturgist: But his mother said to the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it."

Bill: 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 person in charge of the banquet." So they took it.

Liturgist: When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), she 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."

Bill: Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, revealing his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel, the good news of Jesus.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Grace Tastes Like"

Bill Newsom

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Many Are the Light beams"

NCH#163

Em Em7 Am B7 Em Am

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one
 2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one
 3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the
 4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one: ser - vant
 5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one: mem - bers

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light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams
 tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es
 gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,
 spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the
 all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

GM7 C7 Em B7 Em

from the one light; we are one in Christ.
 of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
 love is all one; we are one in Christ.
 Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
 bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Newsom

Pastor: ...We pray to you, our mother, using the words he gave us, Saying together,

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and 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.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor

Ushers will come forward to receive the offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR

OFFERTORY

Doxology

All crea-tures lift your prais-es high! Praise God in earth and sea and sky;

in one great chor-us, all your days. Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Spi - rit praise. A-men.

The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

CHARGE

Liturgist

Liturgist: Tomorrow is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In memory of Dr. King and to honor many others who have committed their lives to the quest for justice,

Let us go now as God's people and overcome.

Overcome racial hatred with love and understanding.

Overcome sexism with mutual honor and respect.

Overcome meanness with a kind word or good deed.

Overcome war, poverty, hunger, and suffering

Throughout our urban streets and lands abroad,

By sharing the love of Christ Jesus with your neighbor.

Go now and overcome!


People: We will continue to work for justice and peace.

Liturgist: Our song of parting is "Lift Every Voice and Sing," often called the Black National Anthem, hymn number 593.

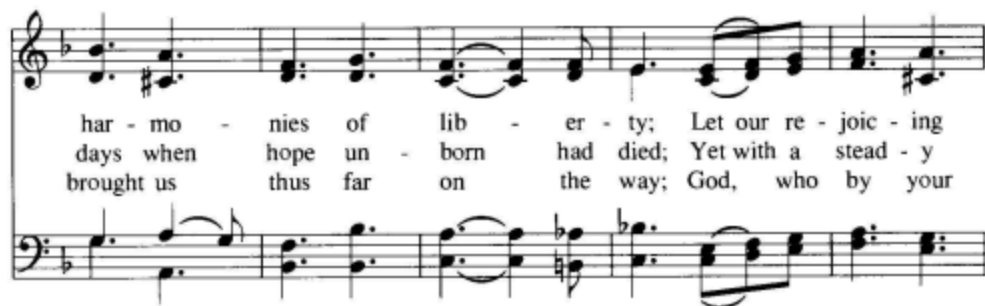
SONG OF PARTING

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

NCH#593



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has



har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your



rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Jupiter" from *The Planets* "

Gustav Holst