

**The Presque Isle Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**January 28, 2024**

**Prelude** Barbara Merryman

**Welcoming Music** *Walk with Me*

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Introit** *Shadow and Substance*

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Mark 1:21-28)

As people, as a group, as a community of faith

**we gather in this place.**

To listen.

**to speak.**

to worship.

**to pray.**

to be with God.

Because we know

**it is out of God's authority, it is out of God's love, that we live. Alleluia!**

**Invocation**

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

**Two Minute Message**

Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Choral Anthem**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

PIUCC Choir

**Scripture Lesson:**

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Response:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: May our hearts hear and our lives respond!**

**Sermon**

**"Called Out"**

Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Call for the Offering**

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

**Prayer of dedication**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ.

**Time of Silent Prayer**

For what do you offer thanks? What do you grieve? For what do you seek forgiveness? Where do you need help? Where is there a call to act? Invite the Spirit's guidance.

**We Meet at Christ's Table**

Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Reflective Music**

Barbara Merryman

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Creator\*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

And with love in their hearts, the people of God said,

**Yes! Yes! Yes!**

**Sharing Our Joys, Concerns, and Sightings of the Holy Spirit**

**Closing Hymn**      *Unite and Join Your Cheerful Voices*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Let us go from this place trusting that in Jesus Christ  
God is with us and for us in every place.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the  
companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this  
day and forever- more. Amen.**

**Sung Response**      *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you.  
With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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***A UCC Open and Affirming Congregation***

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**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**