

Peace United Church of Christ
February 9th, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:30am



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Prelude

Byron Klimek, cello

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

*Call to Worship from *Psalm 138*

We give thanks to you, O God,
We give thanks with our whole hearts!
You answer us when we call,
You increase the strength of our souls.
God, you fulfill your purpose for us,
Your steadfast love endures forever.

*Song *Holy, Holy, Holy* #277 NCH

***Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

***Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.***

***Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

*Prayer of Confession

Expansive God, you are always creating and re-creating, bringing new life and casting out fear. We confess that at times we believe it's all up to us. We fall into overwhelm, overthinking, and over functioning. Grow our imaginations to conceive of a more beautiful world. Grow our trust to do what we can and leave the rest to you. Grow our compassion for ourselves and one another. Forgive us and make us whole.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Hebrew Bible Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Andrew Cragun, reader

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of God's robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God's glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled

with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Anthem *You Know Me, Psalm 139*, Kristina Arakelyan

Gospel Reading *Luke 5:1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Sermon *Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis*

Song *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* #173 NCH
v. 1 & 2 in Spanish, v. 1, 2, & 4 in English

***Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.***

Estrillo:

***Jesús, me has mirado a los ojos;
sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre:
en la arena he dejado mi barca;
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.***

***Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas;
tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.***

Estrillo:

***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.***

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

Refrain:

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

Refrain:

Community Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Amen

Offertory *Berceuse*, Gabriel Fauré,

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song *What a Covenant* #471 NCH

***What a covenant, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Refrain:

***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Refrain:

***What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Savior near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Refrain:

*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:
Julie MacKenzie and Laurie Berner, Ushers