

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

January 19, 2020 10:00 AM

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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PRELUDE Improvisation on *O For a World* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Barbara Papagian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Down by the Riverside* – Spiritual Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: God has called each of us before we were born.

PEOPLE: **God has created each of us with tender care.**

LEADER: God walks with each of us throughout our lives.

PEOPLE: **The light of God's love shines in us.**

ALL: **Let's shine God's love into all the world.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 683 *O For a World*

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

**O God of caring and light. You have called us here this morning to worship You and to hear Your call to us to shine Your light here in this church, in our community, in our country, and throughout the world. Help us through our doubts and hesitations and lead us to places where we can best use the talents You have given us to serve others and to help them feel Your light shining on them. Amen.**

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN John Rowe  
OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

MOMENT FOR MISSION Sue Clement

CHORAL ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* – arr. Roy Ringwald Chancel Choir  
Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised

land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee, with my dream of a world that is free for that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned, precious Lord, take my hand.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Carol Soucy

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

\*HYMN NO. 687 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY Chalice Hymnal No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**O God, sustainer of life, we not only share these monetary offerings, we also share our lives toward the purpose of sustaining this church and reaching out from this church to those in need throughout the world. We place ourselves and our offerings into your hands for this purpose. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 Liz Verity

SERMON: Called to be Servants Barbara Papagian

\*CLOSING HYMN (Insert) *We Shall Overcome*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Lift Every Voice* – Mark Miller

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 49:1-7 (King James Version)

Listen, O isles unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far. The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name  
And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

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United Church of Christ**

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