



BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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***Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power***

Is Christianity about
requirements?
Here's what you
must do to
be saved.

Or is Christianity
about relationship
and transformation?
Here's the path:
follow it.

Both involve
imperatives, but one
is a threat, the other
an invitation.

-- Marcus J. Borg,
***The Heart of
Christianity***

**"FROM NOW ON, YOU
WILL BE CATCHING
PEOPLE."**



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 6th, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Pastor

• Rev. John King

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Ministers – All of Our Members

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming ALL of God's children.

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,
or partnered,*

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your social or economic circumstances,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

We welcome one another to this place,

Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!



- *Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

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Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!

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Meditation Music

"Christianity as a belief system requires nothing but acquiescence. Christianity as a way of life, as a path to follow, requires a second birth, the conquest of ego, and new eyes with which to see the world." – Robin R. Meyers, ***Saving Jesus from the Church***

Gathering in God's Presence *(Please Stand as you are able.)*

Prelude

The Call

Toolan

*"Leave all things you have and come and follow me,
and come and follow me."
Rosaleen O'Sullivan, 1971*

Bearing the Light of Peace / Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship:**

One: Isaiah was surprised by a vision of the Holy One in the Temple –

ALL: He saw a vision and heard a call. Isaiah responded by saying: "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

One: Peter and Andrew were tired after fishing all night. Jesus surprised them with an amazing catch of fish!

ALL: They saw a sign of hope in Jesus. They left their net and boats behind. They left everything else to follow Jesus.

One: This morning, Jesus surprises us too. He asks us to walk with him, to leave the old ways behind.

ALL: We can walk away from the tangled nets of resentment and fear. We choose to walk with Jesus now, in paths of life and love.

One: Let us worship the One who finds us, surprises us and calls us. Let us pray together:

ALL: Holy One, you are ready to meet us wherever we are in our lives, offering vision, interruption, hope, where we may least expect it. Surprise us here at worship today, with unexpected grace that leaves us changed, transformed and renewed. And send us into the world, inspired and impassioned to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve***

#491

1. Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands your zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

2. A cloud of witnesses around holds you in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,
and onward urge your way.

3. For God's all-animating voice still calls us to the race;
And God's own hand still gives the prize with never-ending grace,
with never-ending grace.

4. O Savior, shown the way by you, I have my race begun;
And, crowned with victory, at your feet I'll lay my honors down,
I'll lay my honors down.

(Music: G. F. Handel, 1728; words: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751; alt.)

*** Prayer of Approach and Confession: [Unison]**

**You call to us through the voices of the poor and the powerless,
But we close ourselves off from their need: Lord have mercy**

**You call to us through the cries of those who struggle to change structures of
oppression, but we turn away from their challenge: Christ have mercy**

**You hint, you invite, you surround us with calls to love you more fully, and follow
you more faithfully, but we cling to comfort and safety: Lord have mercy**

Words of Assurance:

One: Friends, the call of God, like God's own grace, is new every day. Let us go forward with eyes and ears and hearts open to the work of God in our world, and draw on the courage to create, with God, a Just World for All.

Song of Praise:

***Glory, glory, glory –
Glory to God in the highest! (2X's)***

Pablo Sosa, 1988

***And on earth be peace to all people,
For God loves us all! (2X's)***

God Is Still Speaking

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

First Reading **Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)**

Second Reading **Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)**

Contemporary Reading “A Prayer of Unknowing” by Thomas Merton

Musical Offering: **Take the Path of the Disciple**

Pratt

1. Called by God to make the journey in community, with Christ,
learning, sharing, reconciling, seeking justice, peace, and light.

Refrain: Take the path of the disciple, join the journey to new life!
Seek the ways that God would lead us, the community of Christ.

2. Though the way will not be easy, and we sometimes feel alone,
breaking bread, our eyes are opened, and we meet Christ on the road. **Refrain**

3. On the path we go together, let the Spirit gently lead.
We proclaim Jesus as Savior and find joy, hope, love, and peace! **Refrain**
(Music and words by Randall Pratt, 1963---; arr. Jan Kraybill, 1960---)

Sermon

Going Fishing

Pastor John King

Hymn of Reflection: ***You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*** #173
(Pastor John will sing the verses in Spanish, congregation sings **REFRAIN**)

English translation:

1. *You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.* **REFRAIN**

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

3. *You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
A love that's willing to go on loving.* **REFRAIN**

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

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.

The Church at Prayer

Sue Renovetz, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, Fred Pesek, George Snider, Lenore Harris, Tina Ortiz, Phyllis Hassler, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathy Smith, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer

[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to one's theological understanding]

...Our Father-Mother, 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.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

***The Invitation:**

One: When God said, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responded, "Here I am, Lord. Send me." When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John, he said, "Come, follow me." And they left everything to follow Jesus. Today, Jesus calls us too. Our offering today is a part of that response. Let us give what we can, that we, like Peter, might respond to the call and do great things for the Kingdom of God.

Offertory Hymn:

**We bring our gifts because we care,
They are a part of what we share.
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.
With hearts of joy we share our gifts. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]**

God, you call us to participate in your vision of justice for our world - let these offerings become a part of our response. Here we are Lord, send us. Help us to join the disciples, who left the old ways behind to follow Jesus. May these, our offerings, contribute to the building up of your church. That one day all people may know you and walk with you. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn:

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin - My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**



† **The Invitation**

† **Prayer of Consecration**

† **Words of Institution**

† **Receiving the Bread and Cup**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving: [Unison]**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence, in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are nourished by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love, and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

#495

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

(Music: John Zundel, 1855; words: Jane Parker Huber, 1981)

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E on the first staff; and A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, A on the second staff. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

† Benediction

Here we are, O Holy One!
Send us into your world to do your justice,
Witness to your vision of grace,
And follow you with courage
into your transforming reign. Amen.



Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Thomerson

*"I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus."
Music and words by Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934*



Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; 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 his 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 King, 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!"

Second Reading

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)

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 gone 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."

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Readings

Second Reading (continued)

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 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' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed 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.

Contemporary Lesson

"A Prayer of Unknowing" By Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

– Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*, p. 79.

Special Thanks:

February 6, 2022

Head Usher: Sue Maier
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Evelyn Seager

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Sue Stenzel

Acolyte: ***Volunteer Needed***

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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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Greeter: Jon Thompson

Counters: Marge Culver
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Acolyte: ***Volunteer Needed***

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