

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
"Where No One Is A Stranger"  
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 9, 2025

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS+

**\* Call to Worship** (read responsively)

One: It is by grace that we are who we are:

**Many: people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.**

One: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

**Many: people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.**

One: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

**Many: people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.**

**\*Opening Song:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #136

**\*OPENING PRAYER** (prayed together)

Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Jesus to put out into the deep, even when it doesn't seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters, brothers and siblings with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal i-pods, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.

Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your realm, so we might show others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus, our Savior, so we might become your children once again.

## A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

**Many: By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 6:1-13

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (read together)

**We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.**

**We follow Jesus, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.**

**We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.**

**We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.**

**In all things it is our desire to follow Jesus, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.**

**\* GLORIA PATRI:** "Glory Be to the Father" #734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.**

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE:** Luke 5:1-11 read from The Message

**MESSAGE:** "Into the Deep" Pastor Chris

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER** (with debts/debtors)

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**\* DOXOLOGY:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #34  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
God of the bursting nets, we thank you for your abundant blessings rising up at every turn. Multiply these gifts and our faith that your good news of life-giving love may stretch wider still. Yes, form us deep in Your heart for this good and gracious work. Amen.

**\* CLOSING SONG:** "The Summons" #350

**\*Going Forth with the Peace of Christ**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Indicates all who are able please stand**

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**Birthdays:** February 13: Bridget Schlievert

**Sunday, February 9:** 10:30am – Worship  
Sunday School  
Coffee

**Tuesday, February 11:** 9:30am.-Pastor at Feed Mill  
6:30pm Food Pantry Board Meeting

**Thursday, February 13:** 8:30am. Ministerial Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Friday, February 14:** 9:15am Care Center Worship  
Happy Valentines Day

**Sunday, February 16:** 10:30am – Worship  
Sunday School  
Coffee



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