

The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ



Fishers of Men, Simon Dewey

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22nd, 2023

Prelude

“Here I Am, Lord”

Arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
“Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!”

People: **We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: **We accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: **As his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: **We proclaim the God of Compassion.**

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

People: **We proclaim the God of Hope.**

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

People: **We proclaim the God of Love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

All: **Amen.**

*Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult”

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Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Call to Confession

[Note: Please stand for sections labeled with an asterisk (*).]

*Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

A SERVICE OF PRAYER**The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Karl Paulette; Carmen McKee; Peter Copeland; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; and Kathy Willey.

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Moments of Silent Prayer**Intercessory Prayers**

*A series of petitions, each of which ends with the phrase “**Lord, in your mercy**” with the congregation responding, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

The 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 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

A SERVICE OF OFFERING

Offertory

GALILEE

Arr. Wilbur Held

*The Doxology

*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

*Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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*Benediction

Postlude

“HOUSTON”

Arr. Mark Sedio

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



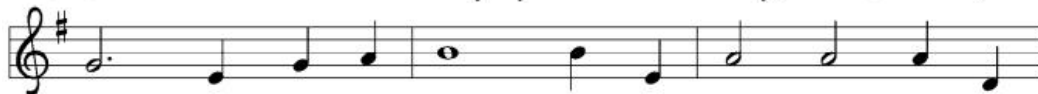
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join every Sunday at 10am for service!

January 29th, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Micah 6: 1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon: TBA

February 5th, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon: TBA

February 12th, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
Psalm 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37

Sermon: TBA

February 19th, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 24: 12-18
Psalm 2 OR Psalm 9
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon: TBA

February 26th, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Per the Board of Deacons: We are happy to announce that Rev. Milton Brasher-Cunningham is our choice for Bridge Minister! This will become official when Reverend Milton and the church officers sign the Call Agreement.

Please join us for coffee hour this morning, directly following our regularly scheduled worship service.

The deadline of this month's Bell Tree submissions is Monday, January 23rd. If you would like to submit an article, please do so by then!

Keep your Ark Banks floating! Please don't forget to keep bringing in your ark banks. The monies collected go into a discretionary fund which can be used to help people in need.

We are always looking for Volunteers for Coffee Hour. If you are interested, please contact Aren in the office, or use the sign-up sheet now located near the main entrance to the Parish House.

Donations for the Food Bank are always needed if you are able to contribute. Non-perishable items such as canned beef stew, hearty soups, canned fish, peanut butter, mac and cheese packages, and oatmeal would be greatly appreciated.

Looking to get involved? There are several Committee Openings for Deacons (2 openings), Faith Formation (3 openings), and Music (3 openings)! If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the office and Aren will put you in touch with the committee chair!

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**Note: Although we are now mask-optional in worship, we ask that you refrain from attending service if you are not feeling well and please wear a mask if you have been exposed to COVID. We thank you for your consideration of others.*