

January 17, 2021 | 11:00 Traditional Worship

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany & Human Relations Day

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Special Music

He Leadeth Me

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*Call to Worship

Leader: God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour

People: Grace to us as these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirit free.

Leader: God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

People: Make us worthy of this hour!

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*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory (UMH 577)

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.***

***Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.***

***Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.***

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.***

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***Affirmation of Jesus Christ**

Pastor: Let us affirm our faith in God, who rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son, who forgives our sins and sets us free!

People: Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation. Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him. Christ was before all else, and by him everything is held together. He is the head of his body, which is the Church. He is the very beginning, the first to be raised from death, so that he would be above all others. God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son. And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God!

Adapted from Colossians 1:13-20

***Hymn**

Praise the Name of Jesus (FWS 2066)

Praise the name of Jesus.

Praise the name of Jesus.

He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,

He's my deliverer, in him will I trust.

Praise the name of Jesus.

[Repeat]

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(More hymns on next page...)

Hymns

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (UMH 404)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Up on the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

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He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (UMH 128 vs. 1)

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whatever I do, wherever I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;

his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

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What A Friend We Have in Jesus (UMH 526 vs. 1 & 2)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139:1-4, 13-18

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-28

Sermon

Aha! A Step in the Right Direction

Rev. Gary Brooks

*Hymn of Response

Help Us Accept Each Other (UMH 560)

***Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

***Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.***

***Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.***

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Benediction

Postlude

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