

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

Elaine Hilton, Lay Reader

Sunday, January 16, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Deep River* Robert J Powell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

**People: God weeps with us.**

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

**People: God gives thanks with us.**

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

**People: God struggles with us.**

Leader: As we strive for peace,

**People: God strives with us**

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

**People: God works with us.**

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

**People: God blesses us.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

**People: Sustained by God's presence and love, we worship God.**

\*HYMN # 480 *Open My Eyes*

\*INVOCATION

**Gracious God, you create us and love us; you make us to live together in a community. We thank you for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your children who have been filled with your vision for our lives and who have worked to bring your vision into reality. Fill us with your hope and wisdom. Guide us as we work to build the beloved community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, privilege is no more, and all your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI # 734

ANTHEM *Precious Lord*

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Deuteronomy 34: 1, 4-6*

\*HYMN # 426 *Blessed Assurance*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 2:1-11*

SERMON *Endings and Beginnings* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Steal Away to Jesus* Robert J Powell

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Epiphany, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 512 *We Shall Overcome*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Great Day* Robert J Powell

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

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*Greeters This Morning: The Casallas Family  
Ushers This Morning: Bill & Sue Blaker, Tom Harradine, Jean Ingalls  
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry*

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