

First Congregational United Church of Christ

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit and with the help of God,
we open our doors and hearts to all,
in service and love as modeled by Jesus Christ.*



*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Love Is As Love Does
Seven -Thirty and Ten O'clock in the Morning

The Worship of God

The Prologue

Throughout scripture we see God calling people to do important work. These call stories happen in many ways based on the context and the character of the people being called. In most of these call stories, the person being called often presumes themselves to be inadequate, protesting that surely God must have been mistaken and gotten it wrong. In our sermon today, we will take another look at two stories and ponder the ways God might be calling us as individuals and as beloved faith community. The question for all of us is in determining if and how we will answer the calls we perceive have come our way.

Gathering Music

The Greeting

The Spirit of the still speaking God be with you.

And also with you.

The Call to Worship and Welcome

The Music for Piano

The Lighting of the Altar Candles

The Collect

Creator God of trinitarian mystery, we have gathered in this sacred setting to render praise and adoration, longing for your holy presence to fill this gathering place, even as we bow before your majesty in awe and wonder; as the crown of your creative power, when we consider the vast universe of your dominion, we are humbled by your attention to us; your steadfast love and faithfulness amaze us; your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity and worth and is a reminder of your high calling for our lives; send your gospel to teach us, to save us from ourselves, to lead us into all truth; show us the tasks we can accomplish if empowered by you; grant us the courage to reach out in your name to do the great things that come with being the very image of the Holy; all this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy and still speaking Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

*The Opening Hymn, No. 16 *Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*The Gathering

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts! The whole earth is full of God's glory! Our hearts rejoice as we bring our songs of praise in worship!

All people are called to praise God! Let all creation celebrate the creator of the universe!

The steadfast love of God surrounds us here! Come and see and hear and understand! Let the thresholds shake with the power of God's voice!

Let all the people tremble before God's glory! God's purpose endures and will be fulfilled in our midst! Our lives are channels for God's grace!

The Witness from the Hebrew Bible

ISAIAH 6:1-13

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!" And he said, "Go and say to this

people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Listen to what the Spirit of the still speaking God is saying!

Thanks be to God!

The Witness from the Gospels

LUKE 5:1-11

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." 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.

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The Sermon

Calling out the Called!

Timothy W. Shirley

The Music for Meditation

The Service of Holy Communion

The Concerns of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.**

*The Closing Hymn, No. 453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

*The Benediction

The Music for Piano

*You are invited to stand as you are able.

Concerns of the Church

In light of the spike in the omicron variation of COVID, the First Congregational United Church of Christ is now requiring parishioners to wear a mask during worship no matter their vaccination status. For those who are uncomfortable attending worship in person we continue to offer an online version of the 7:30 service, made available as quickly as it can be edited and produced. In addition, we remind you that if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or you are feeling ill, please stay home! We are all in this together!

Online Giving is now available on the church website. With online giving, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts to be made automatically from your checking account or by debit or credit card. Online giving allows you to make gifts more conveniently and easier, especially when not physically attending worship. If you have questions on how to get started with online giving feel free to reach out to Alex at alex@eagleriverucc.org or give him a call at 715-802-8501, Option 8.

Prayer requests can be sent to the prayer group through Tobi Johannsen (920-450-1402). We ask that any prayer requests mentioned from the pulpit have the permission of the one desiring prayer. Thank you for your understanding.

Scripture readers, ushers, and camcorder operators are always needed as well as readers for the Concerns of the Church. You may sign up by visiting our website; or you may also contact Joy Turpin at: joyfaithchapinturpin@gmail.com or (715) 479-6560.

The personnel team has found a new church administrator. Debbie Brown started January 24th. Please stop into the office or make a phone call (715-802-8501 option #3) to introduce yourself. The office email is office@eagleriverucc.org. She is looking forward to meeting you all!

Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, February 8, 2002. All women of the church are invited. February meeting will include cutting, sewing, completing lap robes. A simple quilting pattern will be used with a step-by-step demonstration.

We are asking that if you belong to a local organization (i.e., Lions Club, Rotary, Easy Eagles, etc.) that you would like to invite Tim to come to your meeting and introduce him to the community.

If you have any digital materials or any church records from previous years, please bring them to the church office.

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The flowers today are given by Linda Cole
in honor of her daughter Leta's seventeenth birthday.