

WELCOME TO
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Organist

January 15, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Be Called”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship (with gratitude to Ruth Moody and the Wailin’ Jennys)

One: There are no words for what this testimony means, only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

Many: We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.

One: There is no way to know what this following will take, only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

Many: We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners: in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices two.

One: There is no telling when the struggle will end, only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

Many: We become the movement and the liberation: in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

To the revelation and the wonder, open us. With the vision and the possibility, convict us. For the recognizing and the following, equip us. In the struggle and the seeking, be with us. Holy One, manifest your love, make your justice known in and among us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (vs. 1 & 2) p.564

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: In this moment of stillness, feel for the rhythm of your own pulse, listen to the cadence of your own breath.

[Silent prayer]

When we lose touch with our own flourishing,
**Many: Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us. In this moment of stillness,
listen to the cadence of another one's breath**

[pause]

One: When we lose touch with the celebrations and struggles of our neighbors,
**Many: Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us. In this moment of stillness,
feel for the rhythm of the pulse of justice for all, listen to the
cadence of the breath of love**

[pause]

One: When we lose touch with our collective liberation,
Many: Holy One, forgive us, reconnect us. Amen.

Words of Grace

One: Thrill and rejoice, people of God: God's grace and love meet us at every
turn, no matter where our journeys lead.

**Many: Praise God who gives us each the chance to be epiphanies of
redeeming love and liberating justice.**

*Hymn: "Rock of Ages" (all verses)

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Scripture: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Reflection: What Do You Need?

Choir Anthem

*The Pastoral 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 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, for ever. Amen

Invitation to Generosity

There can be no flourishing for some of us without liberation for all of us. Our offering gives us the opportunity to invest in our collective liberation. May our giving be a revelation of God's love, made known and being made known in our midst.

*Presentation of Our Gifts and 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 Thanksgiving and Dedication (with quotes from Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

One: "All life is interrelated"

Many: Praise!

One: "We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality"

Many: Praise!

One: "We are tied in a single garment of destiny"

Many: Praise!

One: Use our gifts to empower us to lean into this reality and this calling, more and more fully,

Many: until we become the salvation we are dreaming of.

One: May it be so. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (both verses) insert

*Benediction

One: What are you seeking? What are you looking for? Deep down, what do you need? Deep down, what do we need?

Many: This seeking is the blessing.

One: This looking is the calling.

Many: This needing is the epiphany.

One: So let us go forth to continue to discover how we become liberation together. Amen.

Many: And Amen.

Extinguishing of the Candles Postlude

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**Be Called: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany** were written by Dr. Sharon R. Fennema, Join the Movement Curator, United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bedell in memory of parents, John and Doris Roth.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are from Chris Schell in memory of his mother, Ruth-Ann Schell's Birthday.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Chris Schell.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Ruth Stansfield.

**TODAY'S ACOLYTE** is McGwire Martucci.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.  
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.  
All LOOSE OFFERING today will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**Mask Wearing** - Consistory has agreed that individuals can make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. If you find yourself testing positive for COVID, **please contact the church office** so we can alert others who may have been in contact with you during time spent at church. Thank you.

**We welcome** members of the Kohler family to our worship this morning. They are having a blessed reunion upon the visit of Mark and Elise and their family, Gianna, London and Paris from Massachusetts this weekend.

**Sunday Brunchers Meet TODAY** – at Noon, Mercantile Club (Cash Only), 427 Railroad St, Emmaus, PA 18049.

**Lunch Bunch** – Friday, January 27, 2023, Noon (RSVP no later than Monday 1/23) at the Trivet.

**Sound System Training** - If you would like to learn more about operating the sound system and understanding our computer set up, please plan to attend the training after worship next Sunday, January 22, 2023. We are always looking for helpers to work the sound board. Thanks! For more information, speak with Mark Weaver or Pastor Lori.

**Have you checked out our Facebook page recently?** On January 1, we started a new series aimed at reading through the Bible in one year. We are

providing a chronological reading plan, which lays out the readings in the order in which events happened. We hope you find this series a meaningful way to move through the year. Connect with us at <https://www.facebook.com/OldZionsvilleUCC/>; be sure to "like" our page so you get our posts on your newsfeed!

**Week of January 15-21, 2023:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.

Other times by appointment

Church Secretary: Brenda Seitz will be in the office Mon-Thurs. 10am-3pm

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Cub Committee – Monday @ 6:30pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School and Confirmation

10:15am Worship, Sound System Training after Church

**Total Offerings from January 8, 2023:**

General Offerings: \$2,137.00

Mission: \$30.00

Heat: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

Windows to the Future: \$110.00

Parking Lot: \$70.00

Memorial Fund: \$100.00

Cemetery: \$50.00

Attendance: 81