

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Third Sunday after Epiphany. God's call is clear: "Follow me!"

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "Spirit of God, descend Upon My Heart" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Jesus calls us to repent and draw near to him, to share the realm of God and the peace that passes all understanding. When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love. We have come today to know your presence here among us. Give us the insight to know that it is you who calls us. Be with us as we listen for your word today. Rejoice for God loves you and always will.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is calling you this day as disciples. You will be led into fields of mission and service.

People: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully wherever you send us.

Leader: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

People: We come to pray and celebrate the presence of our mighty and loving God

Leader: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways and venture forward with him.

People: We are so often afraid. It is easier for us to remain bound to our old habits and things we feel comfortable with.

Leader: Jesus knows your fears and offers you healing, especially when fears overwhelm you and make you cling to the past and the old habits and ways.

People: Lord Jesus, Open our hearts and teach us your ways. Help us to make loving and service you our new habits and new ways.

GATHERING SONG "Have Thine Own Way Lord" UMH 382

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. We listen to the stories

of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic for us in today's world. We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Time with God's Children:

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

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 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, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE Amen, Amen, Amen

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lord You have come to the Lakeshore" Soloist Carter Adriance

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Grace, Grace, God's Grace" UMH 365

Psalter Reading: Psalm 62 UMH 787

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed UMH 888

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)
UMH 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

SHARING THE STORY "Time is Short - Let's Go Fishing" Pastor Joyce Royal

GO NOW TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Monday January 25, 2021 Free Lunch 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SENDING SONG "I can hear my Savior Calling-Where he leads me" UMH 338

THE SENDING FORTH

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. AMEN

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Near to the Heart of God" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Family of Clayton Weir, Family of Kevin Williams, Family of Don Merkt, Linda Sammons, Scott Shirley, Penna Smith, Karen Holly, Donna Thompson, The family of Irving Livingston, Melvin Veeder, Ryan Davis, Jeff Davis, Don Williams, Pat Quick, Connie Shepard, Tanya LaVada, Prayers for all who are suffering from Covid, and any other prayers in your heart this day. Prayers for our World.

Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open .
Use <https://www.northmainstUMC.terri Lynn.com>

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***

Welcome to Worship

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