

Instructions for the Service over Zoom

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82518518281?pwd=Vlo3OHFZYVl6NUNEeFc3SC9RSdDdSdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 1851 8281

Passcode: 715910

Telephone: 646 558 8656

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

Recording this Service

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour. The recording will begin with the Call to Worship and end at the close of the Benediction. We will also post an audio of the reading and homily.

The service will be ready for viewing beginning on Monday evening and will be available until Saturday evening. The link to view the service will be in the Monday e-mail. You can listen to the audio and print a copy of the sermon from the church's website, which will also be available Monday evening: <https://www.shcong.org/sermons>

**Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2023 10:00 AM
Bill Bray, Worship Leader
David Cavallin, Music Director**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *

***HYMN**

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

Blue Hymnal #16

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your word. We come eager to follow Jesus, We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ's name. Amen. *

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

RESPONSIVE READING (John 1:1-14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
In Him was Life, and the life was the Light of the People.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came for testimony, to bear witness to the Light, that all might believe through Him.

He was not the Light, but came to bear witness to the Light.

The true Light that enlightens every person was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not.

He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not.

But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God,

Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

SCRIPTURE - John 1: 29- 42 (NRSV)

The Testimony of John the Baptist

The next day John 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 First Disciples of Jesus

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?” Jesus 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).

HOMILY

***HYMN**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

NCH #173

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

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.

POEM

"The Work of Christmas Begins"

Rev. Howard Thurman

***HYMN**

I Am the Light of the World

NCH #584

***BENEDICTION**

**We have worshiped God together;
Now we go our separate ways.
May the spirit which has blessed us here
Be our spirit in each day that comes!**

POSTLUDE

*Reprinted from Book of Worship 2006 by United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio. All rights reserved

Please join us for coffee hour after worship, which is being provided by Don and Ingrid Warren, and Dorothy Forster and Charlie Fisher



Scan this code using your cell phone camera
Scroll down to click on the Donate button to make an offering

CCLI Copy License 1126055