

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION

Creator of heaven and earth, receive these offerings from our hearts and our hands. May they be used to bring heaven to the earth. Amen.

***SONG “I Love to Tell the Story”**

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BENEDICTION

SUNG “Amen” *(feel free to clap along!)*

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

Julie Dietel January 4th

Teresa Sontag January 17th

Donald Dobeck III January 24th

Shelly O’Toole January 13th

Sarah Irvine January 23rd

Justin Newton January 24th

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to:

Carolyn & Tom Ryan January 9th

Salvation May Reach: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany were adapted from Rev. Tena T. Nock, who serves as The Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Mystic in the making.

For all joys and concerns mentioned in the Pastor’s Tuesday email.

Remember in your prayers our special members: June and Edie K.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING *of the BELL/TIME of CENTER*

***CALL to WORSHIP**

One: Listen to me, O Coastlands; pay attention, you people from far away!

Many: God called us before we were born; we were named by God while in our mother's womb.

One: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Many: Kings shall see and stand up; princes shall prostrate themselves, because of God, who is faithful, the Holy One has chosen you.

***SONG of PRAISE *and* SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE**

"The Summons"

(found in insert)

PRAYER *of the DAY

Knitter of our bones and namer of our being, we invite you to encompass us with your spirit. Everything we desire can be found in you. You desire wholeness for us and in us so now we draw nigh to receive from you and to share in you. Amen.

***AFFIRMING *and* CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: "Peace be with You"**

Twice.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

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. Amen. *(Be seated)*

Moment for All God's Children

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 and ever. Amen.

***SONG "Just as I Am"**

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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49: 1-4 (Common English Version)

PRAYER *of* TRANSFORMATION *and* NEW LIFE

Redeemer, granter of free will, helps us to stay encouraged to exercise our free will to cause heaven to exist on the earth. We confess that we often miss the bigger picture, while staring at the snapshot of our lives. You have equipped us to see each other's suffering and remedy it. In doing so, we transform how we live and where we live. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

God's ability to help us stay alert, keeps us open to salvation and the possibility of experiencing Heaven on earth at any given time. Heaven can be a place on earth. Amen.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 1: 29-42 (Common English Version)

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

INVITATION *to* GENEROSITY

Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen

The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where you love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me?

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49: 1-4 (Common English Version)

The servant speaks up

49 Listen to me, coastlands; pay attention, peoples far away. The LORD called me before my birth, called my name when I was in my mother's womb.**2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of God's own hand. He made me a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in God's quiver;**3** saying to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I show my glory."**4** But I said, "I have wearied myself in vain. I have used up my strength for nothing." Nevertheless, the LORD will grant me justice; my reward is with my God.

SCRIPTURE John 1: 29-42 (Common English Version)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' **31** Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." **32** John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. **33** Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son." **Jesus calls disciples** **35** The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?" **39** He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. **40** One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. **41** He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*^[a]). **42** He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

