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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** “Serve our God with Joy and Gladness”

Serve our God with joy and gladness;
Come into God’s gates with song;
Serve our God with loving kindness;
Love and praise God all day long.

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Come with me on a journey in faith. Bring your hopes and
visions of a new possibility...

for God’s work holds within it a promise.

We are called into a future yet unnamed.

**We hear God’s call and go forward with fresh
possibilities.**

As we travel in the spirit of faith and expectation...

**we are led by the One who brings to light God's
dreams for us and for the world.**

May we be filled with confidence for God's new tomorrow,
knowing that we never travel alone.

*** Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

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?

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?

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?

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?

Christ, 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 your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" VU #570

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,

washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

I thank God for you

John 1:29–42

Simon and Andrew become disciples

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Angels Unaware

by P. Choplin

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

No Tailgating Zone

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

“Wherever You May Go”

MV #216

Refrain:

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. **R**
From beginning to the end

I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. R

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “We Give You But Your Own” VU #542

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

We give you thanks, God of love, for the abundance of life in your presence. As we offer to you our gifts, may we also offer the very best of ourselves. Bless and use them and us to better our world for all people and all creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “We are Pilgrims” VU #595

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.

And the people said ... **AMEN!**