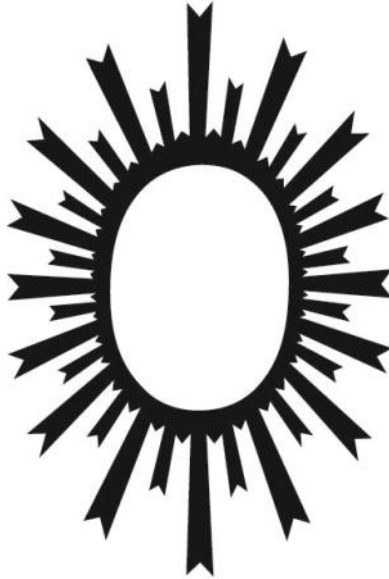


The Service for the Lord's Day



January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Canon in B Major”

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: One thing I have asked of the Lord:

All: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

***HYMN # 346**

“O Come to Me, the Master Said”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Let us confess our sins to God, who is the source of our freedom and forgiveness.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we like to decide who is in and who is out. We imagine that we can choose who is blessed in your sight and who never could be. How foolish we are! Forgive us for our arrogance and presumption. Help us understand what it means to belong to you. Especially to remember that belonging to you is not a mark of privilege, but a call to service. Restore us to a proper understanding of ourselves and of your love for the whole world.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: We ask this in Jesus name,

All: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The light of Christ shines brightly in our lives, bringing healing and hope. The light of Christ shines brightly in the faces of our neighbors. Look for that light as we share Christ's peace. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy God, we ask not that you drown out the world around us so that we can hear you. But that you help us tune in to all that you are saying in and through the world around us. Help us to hear your word proclaimed in this place, as well as in all the good news that emerges in our lives. This we pray in your name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Pew Bible, NT pg. 173

PSALM

"Psalm 27"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Hymn to Joy*, #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***"Shelter me within the haven of Thy house all time to come;
On the rock of Thy protection, let me safely find a home.
Lift me high above the legions who would rail against Thy word;
O'er the tumult of division make my cry for peace be heard."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 27 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Pew Bible, NT pg. 3

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Come, Follow Me”

John Carter

~Chancel Choir

“Come, my child, you hear me calling; come, follow me! I will light the path before you, come, follow me! Come and share my joy, my glory, come and live the gospel story. Come, my child, you hear me calling; come, follow me! Leave your nets like Simon Peter, come, follow me! Touch my garment; I will heal you, come, follow me! Let my presence go before you, let me comfort and restore you. Come, my child, you hear me calling; come, follow me! Though the night be dark around you, come, follow me! Let my love and care surround you, come, follow me! I will be your crown, your treasure, I will bless you without measure. Come, my child, you hear me calling; come, follow me! Let your song be ‘Alleluia!’ Come, follow me! Let your prayer be ‘For God’s glory!’ Come, follow me! I have chosen you and named you, with the Word and water claimed you. Come, my child, you hear me calling; come, follow me!”

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SERMON

“I Belong to Christ”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lead Me, Lord”

G.F. Handel

~Bryan Clinthorne and Brady DeVecchio

“Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in Thy righteousness now and evermore. Let Thy love, Thy tender mercies be upon me, for Thy law is my delight.; quicken me in Thy loving kindness. Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in Thy righteousness now and evermore.”

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*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN (next page over)** "You Walk along Our Shoreline"

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***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

"Minuet Gothique"

Léon Boëllmann
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Kevin Kline.

1 Call to Worship from *Connections Worship Companion*, Ed. David Gambrell (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2022), 78.
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol 1 (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2013).

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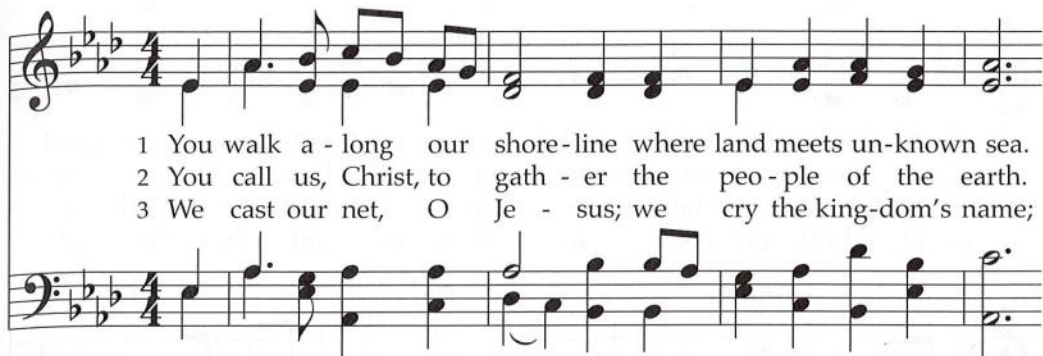
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Bryan Clinthome, *baritone*; Brady DeVecchio, *tenor*; Olivia Donnel, *soprano*; Audrey Frieberg, *soprano*

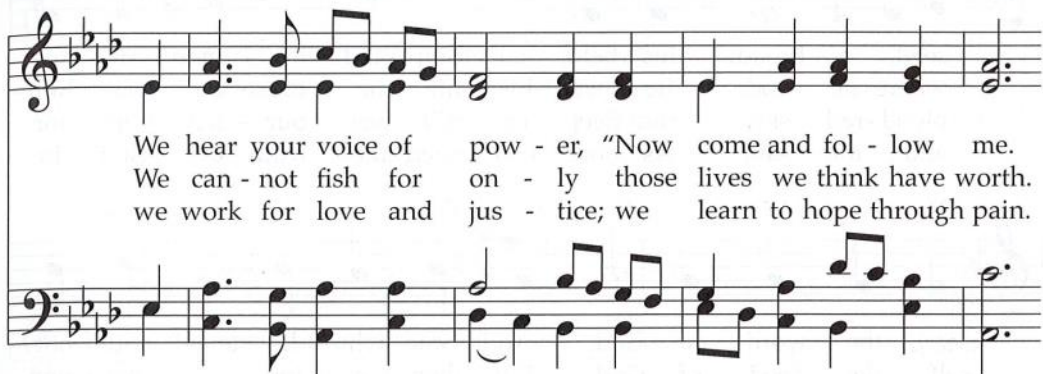


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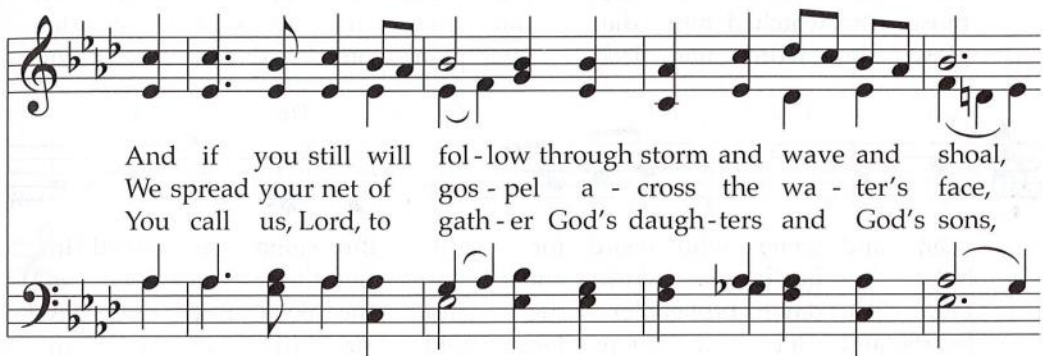
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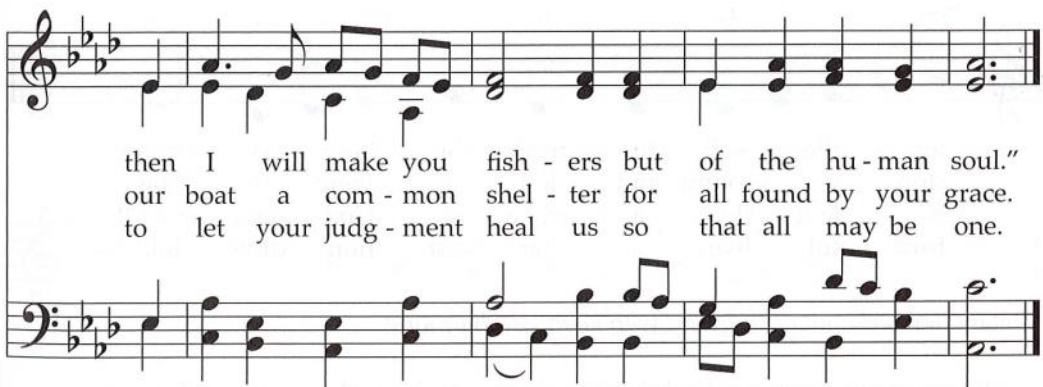
1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king - dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

S.T.A.G.E. Schedule (*Somewhere To Ask God Everything*)
Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

January 22, Mission Project at Crossroads — Join S.T.A.G.E. and members of Greenfield Church at Crossroads Soup Kitchen on Sunday, January 22 from 8:30am-3:30 pm. You're invited to help prepare a meal, serve, and clean up. Meal prep takes place in the morning. In the afternoon, we'll serve 650-700 meals and then clean up. Either meet us there (2424 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit) or at Greenfield Church at 8am to caravan.

For more info on transportation or carpooling, contact Melanie Barash (melanie.barash@gmail.com). If you plan to attend, please sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/yckpyrk3>

January 29 — Outdoor winter fun. Details coming soon, weather dependent.

February 5 — Regular meeting at Cana/Drayton with dinner.

February 11 — Sub Sandwich prep at FPCRO at 2pm. We'll be slicing meats and getting items ready to make the subs on Sunday. Two to four adult volunteers are also needed.

Contact SYC member Sally Gilreath (sgilreath@fpcro.org) for more info.

<https://tinyurl.com/mwzz7det>

February 12 — Sub Sandwich making at FPCRO beginning at 7:45am to build the sandwiches. We need all youth on deck! Two to four adult volunteers are also needed.

Contact SYC member Sally Gilreath for more info.

February 19 — Mid-Winter break - No Meetings

February 26 — Let's go bowling! Stay tuned for details!

Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Can you **provide dinner** for the youth (about 12 students) on a Sunday evening? Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage> and sign up!

Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Can you **serve as an adult volunteer** during a Sunday meeting? Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1> and sign up!

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** by Robert Lengjel in memory of Carol Lengjel.

Sunburst Singers Meets Today

Sunburst Singers will meet **today** from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. In February we return to the regular schedule, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser—Buy a Sub for the Big Game!

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 12**. Subs are \$10 for a 8-inch Italian (ham & salami) or turkey, and \$12 for a 8-inch three-meat (ham, salami, turkey). Add a bag of chips to your order for just \$1.

Pre-orders will be accepted through February 5, online or on the paper form. Payments may be made via check payable to “S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry” or via PayPal (stageyouth@gmail.com). Orders will be available for pick up on **Sunday, February 12** after the 10:30 am worship at FPCRO. Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

The podcast is here and ready for listening!

What happens when spirituality collides with life? In FPCRO's new podcast, Pastor Emma talks with folks who have experienced a variety of challenges—from cancer to divorce to adoption—and hears how their faith has been stretched and shaped by these experiences. Check it out here: <https://www.fpcro.org/podcast>. Episodes 1-3 are now available for listening. Hear Melissa Ross speak about adoption in episode 1; Sharon Moore share her journey with cancer in episode 2; and hear Benny Rediers talk about immigrating to the US in episode 3. Listen at the church website or search “*Forging Faith*” on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast platforms.

Mark your calendar for the **podcast launch party on Sunday, January 29** at Fellowship Time following the 10:30am service. We're grateful to the Evangelism and Communication committee and the Earla B. Smith Foundation for making the podcast possible!

Did you miss the Youth Sunday service? Watch it now!

Youth from FPCRO and the other STAGE congregations showed their faith and leadership at our Youth Sunday service at Greenfield Presbyterian Church on January 15. The service focused on the witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and scriptures that call us to serve in our own day. Worship alongside Ryan Pochron, Ella Pochron, Nate Shepard, Charlie Gilreath, and Hanto Hagopian from FPCRO. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4j89hzbfb> for the recording of the service.

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