

Morning Worship
Sunday, January 24, 2021, 10:00 am
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Beginning Music "Come Glorify the Lord with Me"
Prelude "Spirit Song" RoseAnne Homola
Words to ponder: "God is our rock and our salvation, whom shall we fear?"

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: John 3:1-5,10;
Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Scriptures for 4th Sunday after the Epiphany: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed
Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader
Leader: Did you hear the good news?
People: **The kingdom of God has drawn near.**
Leader: Did you trust the good news?
People: **We place our trust in Jesus, the one who calls us to follow him.**
Leader: Do you have the courage to leave your former lives behind?
People: **We put our faith in the Lord, our rock and our salvation.**
Leader: Trust the Lord.
People: **We will follow Jesus.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader
Teach us anew, rock of our salvation, how your kingdom has come near. As you called Simon and Andrew long ago, call us to be your disciples this day, that we might find refuge and strength as we face the destructive forces of our lives. Grant us the strength to wait for you in silence, that we might meet you in the subterranean chambers of our souls. For in you we rest secure, in you we abide in holy love. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
Patti Early

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20 Leader
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts,
Ron Giannattasio

Sermon *What does it mean "To Be a Disciple of Christ?"*
Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader
Mighty God, the words of your Son echo in our ears: "The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." How we long to set aside the advice of others and put our trust firmly in you. How we yearn for the faithfulness of James and John, who immediately left their boats to follow Jesus. We know our fearful hearts, O God. We know how far we are from being able to trust a complete stranger -- especially with our very lives. We hope to one day have their devotion, even as we cannot find the nerve to leave familiar paths behind. Renew us, Holy One, and bless us with your steadfast love, that we might truly live as people who have seen your kingdom draw near. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

God of abundance, you teach us the dangers of setting our hearts on earthly riches. May these offerings be symbols of our faith in your bounty, and of our commitment to follow your call in our lives, wherever you may lead. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "I Will Follow You"

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction Response "Amen"

Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
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Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Richard Pancoast; Children's Time: Rose Aiello

Joys and Concerns: Bill Florin

Soloists: Eunice Alberts, Patti Early

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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