



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

In this season of light, God's grace has been given to strengthen and enlighten us.
May our epiphanies and jolts of wisdom lead us to a path free from shame.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

***Call to Worship** Carolyn Nuzzi

Great is the grace and glory of God.
We give thanks with hearts of joy.
Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.
We give thanks with hearts of hope.
Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.
We give thanks with hearts of faith.
Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.
We give thanks with hearts of love.

***Opening Prayer**

Divine Deliverer of compassion, you call us to follow your voice.
"Whom shall I send?" you asked us.
With hearts of hope and souls filled with courage, we respond,
"Here I am. Send me."
You evaporate our shame, and joyously embrace our authentic selves.
May we continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full humanity as you do. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Holy, Holy, Holy God Almighty (v1,2&4)" UMH#64

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Carolyn Nuzzi

Too often, we have clung to thoughts that we are too sinful for you.
Too often, we have fused our shameful pasts with a closed future.
From these beliefs, we condemn ourselves to an outlook without hope.
"Go away from me!" we exclaim like Peter.
"I am way too lost," we think like Isaiah.
But you have something different in mind.
You see us as so much more.
You see our divine image, and our creator-bestowed gifts.
Save us from our negative self-talk, that we may embrace your calling for our lives.
Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Send Me Lord" UMH#497

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Carolyn Nuzzi

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters,^[a] of the good news^[b] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, **2** through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, **4** and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters^[c] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.^[d] **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. **8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. **11** Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Luke 5:1-11 Carolyn Nuzzi

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reflecting on God's Message "It Has Been a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People Pastor Ed

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory Anthem

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

Loving God, Deliverer of compassion, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands.

With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty.

Forever shall we sing of your generous ways, Holy One. Amen.

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" (v1,2&5) UMH#398

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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*Bouts, Albrecht, -1549. Miraculous Draught of Fish



5th Sunday after Epiphany | 2.6.2022 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.