

JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: God is speaking to us today, telling us the way to fullness of life.

People: God is speaking to us so that our hearts will be filled with peace, love and joy,
and we will be strengthened to face life's challenges.

Pastor: God is speaking to us so that we will respond to opportunities for ministry and
service when we see others in need.

People: God is speaking to us so that we will be guided and encouraged in our lives to
become the persons God created us to be.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

#304 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Thank you for the gift of hearing, dear Lord, which allows us to listen to people's caring voices and nature's soothing sounds. And we give thanks for all the ways that those who have partial hearing loss or who are not able to hear at all can still listen and communicate with the help of hearing aids, interpreters and the Braille Alphabet. But the world can get too noisy at times, and all the clamor can drown out your call to us. Or sometimes we simply do not listen closely enough to hear your still, small voice speaking. Help us come to the quiet, dear God, during this worship service and at other times in our daily lives, so that your Word will be heard by us in a clear, unmistakable way. Be present here, we pray, so that you can bless us with your Word, and we can bless you by listening and responding to what you say. We offer these words in the name of Jesus Savior, who taught us to address you like this, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:43-51 and 1 Samuel 3:1-20

SERMON MESSAGE: *Listening for God to Speak* Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We have heard you calling us, loving God, in the cries of other people—cries for bread, for justice, and for relief from suffering and sorrow. And we respond, “Here I am, Lord.” We want to serve you by ministering to others in need, and we believe our church can manifest your healing presence them. Show us the way to be messengers of the Good News for all who have ears to listen. May our offerings be used by our church for the transformation of our society, and for healing the brokenness of humanity. Amen.

#S-12 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: God has searched us and knows us. The Lord listens to us from far away.

People: And the Lord wants us to listen to Him and hear what He has to say.

Pastor: God is calling. Can you hear? You are being called by name, for a holy purpose.

People: We will listen for God’s still, small voice speaking to us, and not confuse the siren calls of the world for God’s call.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL