

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 20, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ringing the Bell

*Greeting One Another

Centering Music

Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

*Call To Worship (Psalm 18:28, Deuteronomy 30:14, Matthew 5:16)
Cong'l Response: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

*Gathering Song NCH #173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

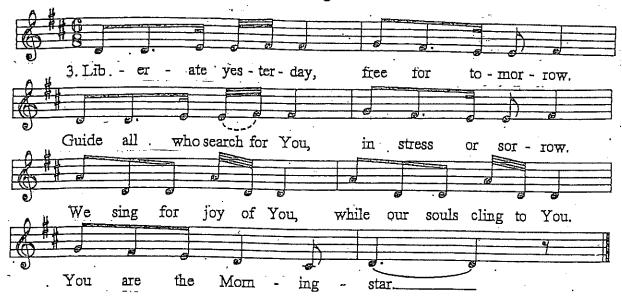
Hannah Hannover

Readings from the Bible

- Psalm 113 (p. 692-693 in the OT of your pew Bibles) [read responsively]
- Luke 3:7-20 (p. 73 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Morningstar" vs. 3



Sermon

"Luke, Christian Class Warrior"

Jonathan Page

Prayer

***Song** NCH #575

"O For a World"

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Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The worship leader will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen". The Lord's Prayer has been moved to the Communion liturgy.

Offering of Gifts

"The Jesus Gift" Chancel Choir, Pat Spangler, alto

Gilbert Martin

*Sung Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Institution Narrative

The Lord's Prayer
Our Creator, who is in heaven,
Your name be sanctified!
Your reign come!
Your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven!
Give us today what we need to face the future.
Release us from our debts to you, as we have released our debtors.
Bring us not to a time of testing, but rescue us from evil.
For all good things on earth flow from you, O God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

*Song NCH #497

"Guide My Feet"

Af.-Am. traditional

*Parting Blessing

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Eric Abbott Preacher: Jonathan Page

Children & Youth Minister: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Organist: Karen Stewart

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Next Week Sunday, January 27:

Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (K-6 grades): Children Sunday School Learning Center: Marijuana and the new U.S. View—David White

A Life of Faith: The E & R Tradition

Sermon: "Who Are You?", Rev. Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 3:23-38, Psalm 127

Announcements:

Communion Offering: Money placed into the Communion envelopes in the pews will go directly to help those in need, 75% to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance and 25% to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Potluck and Annual Congregational Meeting January 27 in Fellowship Hall Calling all members! This year's Annual Meeting will be January 27, following worship. The Church officers will present their reports to the congregation and we will vote on the bylaw changes for the new governance structure. A potluck will precede the business portion of the meeting.

Theologian-in-Residence Weekend, February 23-24

Did you know that the person widely considered to be America's greatest theologian of the 20th century was a UCC minister? He was Reinhold Niebuhr (from the E&R side of the merger). Our Theologian in Residence this year, Gary Dorrien, cites a famous Niebuhr quotation made in a 1944 book, *The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness:* "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary." Which of Niebuhr's theological positions and predictions were right and which were wrong?

Gary Dorrien is the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary.