



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

Ring 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

3. Lib. - er - ate yes - ter - day, free for to - mor - row.
Guide all who search for You, in stress or sor - row.
We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.
You are the Morn - ing - star.

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"

Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir, Pat Spangler, alto

*Sung Response

Old Hundredth

**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.**

***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.