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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 19, 2014

*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 and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Centering Music

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 40:1-2

I waited patiently for our God;

God inclined to me and heard my cry.

Out of the desolate pit, the miry bog, God drew me up,

And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

***Gathering Song** NCH #12 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***Silent Confession** ending with:

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Message

"In God's Image"

Hannah Hannover

Sung Prayer for Illumination NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 1

***Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart--
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.***

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p. 201-202 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

John 1:29-42 (p. 112 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Be Now My Vision" v. 2

***Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.***

Sermon

"Physically Spiritual, Spiritually Physical" Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

In a relationship, one mind revises another; one heart changes its partner.

This astounding legacy of our combined status as mammals and neural beings is

"limbic revision": the power to remodel the emotional parts of the people we

*love, as our Attractors activate certain limbic pathways, and the brain's inexorable
memory mechanism reinforces them.*

Who we are and who we become depends, in part, on whom we love.

--Thomas Lewis, M.D., Fari Amini, M.D., Richard Lannon, M.D.

in "A General Theory of Love"

***Song** (insert)

"Jesus, Our Divine Companion"

Prayers of the People *beginning with the following sung prayer:*

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer;

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer;

Come and listen to me.

The Lord's Prayer *Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

in 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 forever. Amen.

Mission Moment

Ken Birt

Offering of Gifts

"Born To Be the Bread"

Ruth Elaine Schram

UCC Chancel Choir

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank and praise you, O God, for you formed the earth from chaos, you encircled the globe with air, you created fire for warmth and light, you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than mountains and grace deeper than the seas, you blessed a people and made them your own.

That we, too, might live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

The Words of Institution

Merciful God, send upon us and upon this meal your Spirit.

May this bread be Christ's body, may this wine impart his joy.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

This is an open table—our Savior invites all to partake.

Prayer of Dedication

God, our life, our strength, our food, we thank you for sustaining us with the fullness of your Son. Send us now as Christ's living bread, that our lives may nourish a hungry world; for it is in his name that we ask it. Amen.

***Song** NCH #347 "Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

Go out into the world knowing that the earth you walk
is the home of God's Word,
the air that you breathe is the breath of God's Spirit,
and that you—children of earth, children of heaven—
belong, body and soul, to the One who created you in love.

Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Charles Knicker

Interim Minister: The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Linda Hanson

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart