

LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

JANUARY 18, 2026 ☞ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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PIANO PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American spiritual

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING BOWL

3 Rings: Creator, Christ & Holy Spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

Many: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around:

One: Within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

Many: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

One: We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

Many: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Greanna Echo Holiman &

Clarke Callahan Hickox, b. December 23, 2023

* OPENING HYMN *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

#365

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*

One: God of justice, we've heard these words, but have not heeded them:

Many: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds...

* SILENT PRAYER & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...

* HYMN

The Voice of God Is Calling

#666, v. 1 & 3

PROPHETIC READING *Isaiah 49: 1 – 7* Pew Bible, OT, p. 679

SERMON *On Not Laboring in Vain* Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE *Meirionydd* Welsh tune

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Kate MacKillop

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Soon and Very Soon* – Andraé Crouch

* DOXOLOGY Tune: Festal Song

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Isaiah 49:6 & Psalm 40:8

One: We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of
your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.

Many: **Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all
people to wholeness in Christ. Amen.**

PRAYER PRACTICE

* CLOSING HYMN *We Shall Overcome* #630

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE *Lift Every Voice and Sing* – J. Rosamond Johnson

*Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Hour in the Bell Tower Courtyard and,
when the bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour offerings.*



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers	Joanne Matson (Lead), Jimmy Hooper & Marlene Hooper
Piano	J. Althea
Liturgist	Kate MacKillop
Preacher	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Worship Music	"All Things New" Band
Band Leader	Michael Ost
Song Leader	Andy DelMonte
Tech Team	Henry Allen, Ainsley Curtis & Eliana Curtis
Chancel Flowers	Garth Watson

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Associate Minister	Open
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator	Tirza Dawn
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Bookkeeper	Deanna Euritt
Custodian	Paul Loudon



Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ,
teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.



An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ.



A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.



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