



An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ

25 January 2026 – 10:30 AM
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Patricia Lou Harris
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME the Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG #742 1) in unison 2) repeated as a round

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 27* Mira Haslam, liturgist

One: God is our light and our salvation. Whom shall we fear?

All: **God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

One: One thing we ask of God, that will we seek after:

All: **To live in God's house all our days, to behold God's beauty, and to follow in
the way of God's truth.**

*HYMN 177 [hymn sheet] *God of Change and Glory* KATHERINE

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM *Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls* Z. Randall Stroupe
CHANCEL CHOIR • Michael Locke-Paddon, guest conductor

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Mira Haslam

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-13, 17-23 select

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea... From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON

Repent... the Kin'dom Has Come Near

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE 584

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery,
Of what you were meant to do and be.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

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Carry the Light



Andy Beck

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN 504 [hymn sheet]

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

SALLEY GARDENS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Golden Trumpet

Lani Smith

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

You Walk along Our Shoreline

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Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984; alt.

Mark 1:16-20; John 17:20-26

1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo-ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom - ised reign;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me. And
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth. We
 We work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain. You

if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
 spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

Then I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu - man soul."
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 To let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan credited an article by Michael Steinhauser in the March 1984 issue of Practice of Ministry in Canada entitled "Fishing: A Metaphor for Ministry" as the inspiration for her text. Dunstan was an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.

Tune: SALLEY GARDENS 7.6.7.6.D.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1994