



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

1 February 2026 – 10:30 AM
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

PRELUDE	<i>Welcome</i> JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals Chris Charman, bass; Jeff Hanson, drums	John Coltrane
WELCOME		the Rev. David Pattee, pastor
*GATHERING SONG #742	<u>1) in unison 2) repeated as a round</u> 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 <i>Micah 6:6-8</i>	James Neef, liturgist
One:	We hear the voice of the prophet: "With what shall I come before the Lord?"	
All:	Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams and rivers of oil?	
One:	God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you	
All:	But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.	
*HYMN [hymn sheet]	<i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i>	BEACH SPRING
*INVOCATION		
*GREETING OF PEACE		
WORD MADE PLAIN	<u>children are invited to gather in front</u>	Joline Wade Gatlin
CHILDREN'S BLESSING		
	May the peace of God surround you... Like the trees towering in the forest!	
	May the peace of God warm you all over... Like the sun shining in the sky!	
	May the peace of God rise and roll over you... Like the waves rolling in the sea!	
	May the peace of God fill you... Like the wind stirring in your soul!	
	May the peace of God surround you... [singing] Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen... [repeating]	
MEDITATION	<i>Body and Soul</i>	Johnny Green

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

James Neef

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MEDITATION

Walking Humbly

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

concluding with *A 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.**

OFFERTORY

Gathered Into One



Marty Haugen

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution and Prayers of Consecration
Distribution

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive.
Take bread, dip into the cup, partake immediately, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all goodness, we thank you for the nourishment of our faith and the renewal of our lives through this Communion in Christ. So send us now into the world as instruments of your peace. Where there is hate, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. (inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, c.1181-1226)

*HYMN 581

Lead Us from Death to Life (stanzas 1 & 3)

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Days of Wine and Roses

Henry Mancini

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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1 Lord, whose love in humble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,

We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.
 Stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

Lead Us from Death to Life

*Refrain, Satish Kumar
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985*

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

Dm7 C/E E7 Am

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

To Stanzas

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your long-ing for let us be -

2 So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro-ken lives, fill the earth, let us

3 Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy

Dm7 Em7 G G7 C Am

peo-ple die, in - to their an - guish. Let jus-tice roll, let

love to break in - to your peo - ple. Come, teach us love, we can be

gin to grow

Dm7 G7 C Am

earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let

in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love, we can be

Dm7 G7 C G7 C/G G7 C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down, your way of com - pas-sion.

come, teach us peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

we can bring peace,

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
12.11.910, with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1985