

Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
Service of Holy Communion
February 6, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Musical Pieces in Red

PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1921)

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WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP VISION STATEMENT

We joyfully celebrate Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. We respect one another in love, actively seeking and embracing those who wish to grow with us in faith, hope, and love. With God's guidance, we minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the community. Through service, we flourish. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

Here I am, Lord, #452

Words & Music: Daniel L. Schutte (1981); harm. James Snyder (1994)

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*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, as I journeyed through this week there were many challenges and I wonder how often did my selfishness wash through my good intentions? Lord, how often did my words shatter another's confidence as I held them in judgment? Lord, forgive me when I speak bold, sophisticated words to impress others. Far too often I forget that what I am is because of You. Remind me that my abilities are Your gifts, and that I am entrusted with them for the benefit of others. Lord, if I am guilty of living only to impress others – forgive me. Call me to repent if all I do sounds like clanging cymbals and noisy gongs to You. Humble me enough to serve. Humble me enough to pray. Humble me enough to love You and Your people no matter who they are. Amen!

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Children of God, hear the "Good News" God hears the sorrows that sit on our hearts and know that through Christ, we are forgiven. Praise be to God!!! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Dave

CHILDREN'S HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!

Words: Anna B. Warner (1860)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1862)

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*Jesus loves me, this I know; For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! (3x) The Bible tells me so.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1–11

SERMON *The rewards are Great,* Pastor Dave

HYMN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread, #398

Words: James Montgomery (1825)

Music: John B. Dykes (1866)

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*Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;
thy body and thy blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.*

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LORD'S PRAYER, #307

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

MUSIC: Albert Hay Malotte, 1935; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1984

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Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(This is spiritually only, if in the Sanctuary: please stay in your places and use the elements in your Communion Boxes.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Receiving the elements)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

A Prayer Book for Australia

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints forever. Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen!

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People:

You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

Pastoral Prayer

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus, #344

Words & Music: Unknown

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*I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, I still will follow, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.*

*Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Peace

Words: Barbara L. Waters

Music: Kenneth E. White

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*Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.*

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters,[a] of the good news[b] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters[c] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.[d] 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.