



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

**Come joyfully before the Lord, because God knows us and loves us!**

**Come prayerfully before the Lord, because God sees our concerns and our fears.**

**Come hopefully before the Lord, because Christ proclaimed God's love and forgiveness for all God's people!**

**Know with all your heart that God absolutely loves you!**

**Come and worship our amazing God!**

#### Invocation

#### Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to live as we have been taught in Holy Scripture.

**People: We have found Your law of love to be an inconvenience and a burden, so we have made our own rules and lived for ourselves.**

Leader: You have blessed us and anointed us to be servant people, but we have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.

**People: We have ignored the pain of this world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

Leader: In Your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from our self-centered ways.

**People: Open our hearts again to the liberating truth of Your Word. May we become beacons of Your compassion, unity, and love in our families, our church, and in the world.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In spite of our sin, God hears our prayer, and restores us to our place in the body of Christ. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are valued, healed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

#### Doxology

#### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
Because the Lord has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
To bind up the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And release to the prisoners;  
To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn;  
To provide for those who mourn in Zion-  
To give them a garland instead of ashes,  
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
The mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
The planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
They shall raise up the former devastations;  
They shall repair the ruined cities,  
The devastations of many generations.

#### Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

#### Hymn of Reflection

"Prayer to the Trinity"

#### Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14-30

#### Sermon

"Jesus in Nazareth"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

#### Hymn of Commitment

"What a Beautiful Name"

#### Benediction