First United Methodist Church

Worship guide

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us from ways of darkness to ways of light.

People: God sets us free from the ways of the world and offers us joy and peace.

Leader: God calls us to new ways of living.

People: God sets us free from our selfish desires and offers us abundant life.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who heals us and makes us new.

People: We gladly celebrate God's redeeming presence in our lives.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Come Thou Almighty King"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our Father, we know that Jesus called His first disciples to be witnesses to all people.

People: Lord, we also know that as believers, we are called to do the same.

Leader: We confess that too often we listen to every voice but the voice of Jesus, and we follow ways that do not honor our Savior.

People: Forgive us when we seek our own comfort at the expense of others.

Leader: Forgive us when we choose not to defend the weak.

People: Forgive us when we look away and try not to catch the eye of those in need.

Leader: Forgive us when we remain silent and fail to speak a good word in Your name.

People: Forgive us when our attitudes, actions, and words hurt rather than heal.

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to pick up our cross and follow You.

People: Father, give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge Your presence in our lives. Take away our darkness and make us channels of Your light and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers. God loves us, and nothing can separate us from that love. The good news of the Gospel is this:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Doxology

Scripture Readings Isaiah 6:1-8, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Morning Prayer Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Reflection "Come Follow Me"

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11

Sermon "Go Away From Me, Lord" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Lord, I Need You"

Benediction