

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome & Announcements

Introduce Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Tracy Crick-Butler

Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship

L: People of God, we have come this morning to praise our Creator; the God of hope, peace, joy, and love.

P: **We come to celebrate our God, who is revealed in Jesus and who works in us through the Spirit.**

L: We come, each as we are, in all of our diversity, to find unity in Christ.

P: **We come seeking the One who brings light and life as Jesus walks beside us on the journey. Thanks be to God!**

Ministry of Music

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Hymn Praise with Joy the World's Creator, VU # 312

Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace. Source and end of human knowledge, God whose grace shall never cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, Power to rescue and release.	Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, Frees the captive, finds the lost. Heals the sick, upsets religion, Fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ's constant presence, Friend and stranger, guest and host.	Praise the Spirit sent among us, Liberating truth from pride. Forging bonds where race or gender, Age or nation dare divide. Celebrate the Spirit's treasure, Foolishness none dare deride.	Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, One God in community. Calling Christians to embody, Oneness and diversity. This the world shall see reflected, God is One and One in Three.
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Prayerful Confession & Assurance of Pardon God of a new year, God of infinite possibilities, as those who seek to follow Jesus we recognize that that is not always an easy path. We often long for clarity and answers but instead find ourselves confronted with questions that invite us to wonder and continue seeking. God, help us to set aside our fears and concerns that hold us back, and inspire us to open our lives to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions, to endless opportunities of discovery – as we follow where you call. Open us to you, we pray. Amen

Offering Invitation & Offertory Prayer

Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, VU # 575

I'm gonna live so (<i>live so</i>) God can use me Anywhere, Lord, Anytime! (<i>anytime!</i>)	I'm gonna work so (<i>work so</i>) God can use me Anywhere, Lord, Anytime! (<i>anytime!</i>)	I'm gonna pray so (<i>pray so</i>) God can use me Anywhere, Lord, Anytime! (<i>anytime!</i>)	I'm gonna sing so (<i>sing so</i>) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (<i>anytime!</i>)
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Children's Ministry & Prayer

Lord's Prayer*spoken*

Children Leave for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The First Disciples of Jesus

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Hymn All the Way My Saviour Leads Me, VU # 635

All the way my Saviour leads me, What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide? Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.	All the way my Saviour leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread, Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread. Though my weary steps may falter And my soul athirst may be, Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.	All the way my Saviour leads me, Oh, the fullness of His love! Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day This my song through endless ages: 'Jesus led me all the way.'
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Message What Are You Looking For?

Prayers of the People

Parting Hymn One More Step Along the World I Go, VU # 639

One more step along the world I go, One more step along the world I go, From the old things to the new Keep me travelling along with you. And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me travelling along with you!	Round the corner of the world, I turn More and more about the world I learn; All the new things that I see, You'll be looking at along with me. And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me travelling along with you!	As I travel through the bad and good, Keep me travelling the way I should; Where I see no way to go, You'll be telling me the way, I know; And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me travelling along with you!	Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough, leap and sing in all I do, Keep me travelling along with you! And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me travelling along with you!	You are older than the world can be, You are younger than the life in me, Ever old and ever new, Keep me travelling along with you. And it's from the old I travel to the new Keep me travelling along with you!
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Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

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