

# The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Gathering Music *"He Came Singing Love"* (VU # 59)

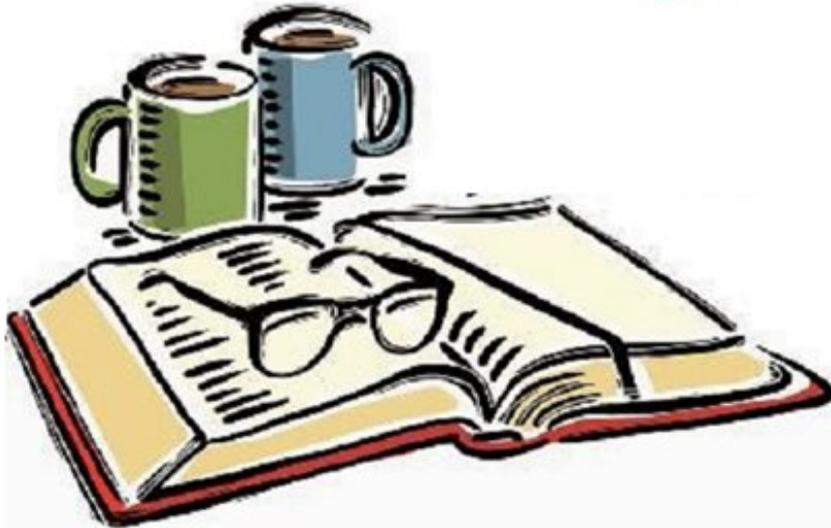


**Welcome**



# Announcements

# Bible Study



**Christian Living**

All are  
welcome !  
Thursday  
January 22  
@7:00 pm  
By Zoom

A close-up photograph of a lit matchstick lighting a purple candle. The matchstick is held horizontally, with its tip glowing and igniting the wick of the candle. The candle is a vibrant purple color and is positioned vertically. The background is dark, making the light from the match and candle stand out.

## Lighting the Christ Candle

**We may come here with hope, with joy, with pain, or with the heaviness of life. We come together to be renewed and to comfort each other. We come to find hope and to receive courage and strength for our daily journey. Like moths to a flame, let us gather around this candle, a light for the world in the life of Christ. Amen.**

by Mathew Mccarthy

# Prelude

## *“Sunshine and Joy Medley”*



## Opening Prayer

**O God, may you help us wait patiently for you; be inclined to us and hear our longing for you; draw us up from the low places where we dwell; set our feet on a rock, on sure ground. Ground our steps in your righteousness.**

**May you put a new song of praise in our mouths, a song of praise to you, O God.**

**God calls you to ministry in the wider community beyond yourselves. In gratitude let us worship God. Amen.**



## Hymn VU # 395

*“Come in, Come in and Sit Down”*

### *Refrain*

**Come in, come in and sit  
down,**

**you are a part of the  
family.**

**We are lost and we are  
found,**

**and we are a part of the  
family.**

1 You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.

***Refrain***      **Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

2 God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's Grace,  
for we are a part of the family.

***Refrain***      **Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

3

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.

This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family.

***Refrain***    **Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

4

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's  
small.

So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family.

***Refrain***      **Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

## Prayer of Confession

The poet of Psalm 40 describes waiting patiently.

For what is our community waiting ?

What does this look like: anxious anticipation, patience, apathy ?

Does the community anticipate God's activity and engagement unfolding within community or does the community anticipate its own unfolding strategies and planned outcomes ?

**The psalmist says, 'Happy are those who make God their trust'. Do we believe that to be true ? The psalmist speaks of God's faithfulness in the great congregation. When do we speak of God's faithfulness ? Do we speak of God's goodness outside of the worship space to our families, friends, and beyond ? For the times when we fall short of your hope for us, forgive us.**

### **Words of Assurance**

God says: I will give you as a light to the nations.  
May we be a light.

**Thanks be to God ! Amen.**

**Time with the Young People**  
*Yun-Hee*

*by Rev.*



## Children Song

*“I've got the hope of Jesus, hope of Jesus”*

1.

I've got the hope of Jesus, hope of Jesus

Down in my heart,

Down in my heart,

Down in my heart;

I've got the hope of Jesus, hope of Jesus

Down in my heart,

Down in my heart to stay.

Hooray !



2.

I've got the peace of Jesus, peace of Jesus

Down in my heart,

Down in my heart,

Down in my heart;

I've got the peace of Jesus, peace of Jesus

Down in my heart,

Down in my heart to stay. Hooray !



3.  
I've got the joy of Jesus, joy of Jesus  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the joy of Jesus, joy of Jesus  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay. Hooray !



4.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart;  
I've got the love of Jesus,  
love of Jesus,  
Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay. Hooray !



*(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)*

## **The Scriptures**

*read by Donna*

### **First Reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way - with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge - God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Second Reading**                      [John 1:29-42](#)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world ! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God !" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want ?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying ?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**We give thanks for inspiration.**



## **Message**

*by Rev. Yun-Hee*



**Tiny Church in the Nordhavn - “ North Harbour” -  
district in Copenhagen**



1

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed  
us,**

**by guiding us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;**

**‘til shadows have vanished and darkness is  
banished,**

**as forward we travel from light into Light.**

**2**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and  
fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

## Prayers of the People

Redeemer God, we come before you today to praise you with our lives and to thank you for the reversals we have seen unfold by your power and love. We have seen children welcomed home, spouses reconciled, and newness in streets of cities called dead.

**Faithful God, we do not fully comprehend your call to us. Form us again to be your servants. Let our words and deeds be a light that offers newness to those who cry out to you.**

In our hearts we name situations and people with special needs today..... Comfort the weary, sustain those who minister to others, bring hope to the fearful, justice to the afflicted, and peace to all who seek relief from suffering.

**Accept our act of worship this day as one way in which we try to keep our priorities straight and our God central in our lives. Walk with us into this new year, even as you walked among us as Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to say this and every year.**

You are our strength; and we pray you strengthen this day: the fainthearted, the sick, the lonely, those who mourn, those who plead for mercy, and the famished.

**May you call us again to worship you with our lives; help us delight to do your will; turn every heart, every community, every nation, and everything that has breath to praise you. We pray in the name of the true light of the world, our teacher, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**



**VU # 960**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **We Offer Our Gifts**

### **Musical Offering VU # 540**

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

### **Offering Prayer**

**All that we are, O God, and all we are called to be,  
we bring to this special moment of offering and  
hope. May you receive these gifts and in your  
wisdom may they be used imaginatively, for the  
well-being of all. Amen.**



## Hymn VU # 586

*“We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection”*

1

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in  
grief,

we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.

## Blessing

You are the people of God. May God strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless. Go and walk with other people of faith, seeking to do Christ's work wherever we are.

**God is faithful; by God we were called into the fellowship of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**



## Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.*

*God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe.*

*Reach out to others so all the world can see.*

*God will be there within, around, above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

*Amen, amen, amen.*



**We thank God for being with us.  
Thank you Congregation for worshipping  
today  
in person and by Zoom  
and  
for your participation in the Service !**



## { A short devotional Time }

Isaiah 55:8 – 9 *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Isaiah 55:8 – 9 reminds us that while we may not fully understand God’s thoughts and ways, we can be sure that they’re “higher than [our] ways (v. 9). Ours are often influenced by selfish desires; His are perfect, compassionate, and righteous. So even when things don’t look good for now, we can trust that God will provide what we truly need (vv. 1 - 2), for He’s loving and faithful to His own everlasting promise (v. 3). Let’s “call on Him while He is near” (v. 6), knowing that He will never leave us.

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*by Leslie Koh*