### Order for the Public Worship of God January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### WE COME TO WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carlton R. Young

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

--Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**HYMN** #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (see front cover)

HERE I AM

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God our Father: you led people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that over looks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

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.

#### SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

James Robert Bonnier, son of Robert & Kristen Bonnier

#### APOSTLES' CREED (together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia! We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**SOLO** 

"Speak, O Lord" Michele White, Soloist Keith Getty/Stuart Townend arr. Lloyd Larson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can ever fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

**CANONBURY** 

(*stanzas* 1,4,5)

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

**SERMON** 

"New Beginnings" Chris Curvin, Pastor

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN "Hear Now the Voice"

MORECAMBE

Hear now the voice that calls you from your sleep.

Listen for messages profound and deep.

Open your ears, for God may call your name,

Seeking you full abilities to claim.

Live, then, as people who have passed the test, Guided by Christ to always give our best, Holding as sacred: body, soul, and mind, Seeking God's will for all of humankind.

Called as ambassadors for Jesus Christ, Who, in the cause of love, was sacrificed, We boldly tell what we have seen and heard, Sharing with all the world God's holy word.

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**BENEDICTION** 

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

"Trumpet Processional"

Alfred V. Fedak

Stephanie Carson, Music Director Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

### Here I Am, Lord



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.