



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

For Children: Please feel free to attend services with your children. For the safety of the children, staff and volunteers ERUCC will not be providing childcare during services until further notice. Your children are welcome to bring their own quiet activities, no materials will be provided. Please take ALL personal items with you after the service.



We have removed all items from the pew racks for your safety. Music selections will be provided within this bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary, Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

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Thank you.

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday After Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

As We Gather for Worship

In each of these moments of epiphany, we find that no one is able to see themselves as God sees them. Nathanael was merely hanging out under a fig tree. Samuel was just lying on the temple floor. Only God sees what greater things will come with these servants. Indeed, God searches us and knows us better than we know ourselves.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

God has called each of us here.

Each one made in the image of God.

God works through each of us.

***Opening Prayer**

Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?

Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?

Was it you that we heard moving through those feet?

Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?

Was it you that called our names?

Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.

We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.

Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names.

Here and now.

Opening Hymn *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, you have called us by name.

You will not let us lounge in bed.

You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember...

(in silence we remember God's works.)

You will not let us hide under the tree.

You summon us from the shade to be changed...

(In silence we pray for those things that need to be changed.)

You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth.

You unearth our fears and speak them aloud...

(in silence we name our fears.)

Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak.

Reveal the words we need most.

In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon** *(inspired by Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)*

Our God knows you by name.

Our God knows what you fear.

For you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

In your name, God's works are revealed again to us. **Amen.**

Thought For the Day

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, for ever. Amen.

The Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10

John 1:43-51

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Call For Offering

God knows you by name. God knows all that you can do.

God appears in your works for justice.

God is revealed in our hope for change.

Let us carry this spirit into our giving.
Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Anthem *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

- T. Dorsey, arr. J. Schrader
ERUCC Singers

*Closing Hymn *O Savior, Let Me Walk with You*

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1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

*Benediction

Send us, O God.
Send us to search for your name.
Send us to count your works.
Send us to feel you calling our name.
Send us, O God, into your dream.

*Postlude



Worship Notes: Today's liturgy : Revealed to Us: Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.



Every Sunday at 10:30

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The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Robert C. McCardell given by his family.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of our nephew, Capt. Kyle Farmer, currently serving in the Middle East by Bob and Sue Pinner.

Worship Next Week: Ctrl + Click HERE to join worship Sunday 10:30 a.m.

January 24 **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

God calls many different people in many different ways. In the Gospel lesson from Mark 1: 14-20, Jesus sees four fishers, and they immediately leave their nets in response to the call to "Follow me." Jonah 3:1-5, 10 is also a story of call. The prophet Jonah has already failed once to respond to God's call. Now God calls Jonah a second time to go to Nineveh to preach a message of repentance. Because of this reluctant prophet, the people repent and acknowledge God. God's mind is changed and Nineveh is saved.



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God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Known and Loved

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.*

My God, you see and understand all that I am.

*You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.*

You know even my most hidden thoughts.

*You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

When I work, when I sleep, you are with me.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

When I speak, you know what I'm going to say before I do.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

You are everywhere, even right here with me!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

I cannot imagine how you think or feel or create. You are so vast.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

And yet, you are close by, too. Always giving birth, always making new.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

You even made this sacred body that I call home.

*My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

You know how I was made because you made me!

*In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.*

You write the past, you sculpt the future.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I cannot weigh or measure you, God,

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

I only know that wherever I am, you are too. And that is enough.

**Italics from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

