



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Katy Kristoffersen, Music Director - Rev. Charles Packard, Interim Pastor*

**MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

Many people, even some of the most faithful believers, question whether God has stopped sending prophets. Luke records that Jesus proclaimed, *"no prophet is accepted in his hometown"* (LUKE 4:16-30) and John's Gospel says, *"Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country"* (JOHN 4:44). Tomorrow our country honors the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., perhaps a modern-day prophet, who while living, was not accepted by many. As we reflect today on *Spirit-Filled Gifts*, Dr. King's wisdom reminds us, *"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"*

**WELCOME**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRELUDE**     *Instrumental Improvisation*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SILENT PRAYER**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I; send me!"*

ISAIAH 6:8

Pastor: Peace be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We are Spirit-filled people of God,

**People: Precious and honored in God's sight.**

Pastor: Claimed by the Spirit,

**People: Marked by water,**

Pastor: Strengthened by the Spirit for the new year.

**People: We are a community of faith,**

Pastor: And we are blessed with spiritual gifts,

**People: Being made new as we journey new roads.**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

**O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Send your Spirit to help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service.**

**In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Remember that Christ "is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility." Through Christ, live in assurance that you are forgiven, and be joined together as fellow citizens of God's household.

WELCOMING SONG *The Gift of Love* (Hal H. Hopson, words; English melody)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO 397 Verse 1: Soft (p)  
Verse 2: Medium-loud (mf)  
Verse 3: Loud! (f)

SCRIPTURE PSALM 36:5-10

CINDI MYERS

- <sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.  
<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
<sup>10</sup> O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Servant Song* (Donna Marie McGargill)

UCSJ CHOIR

<i>What do you want of me, Lord?</i>	<i>Above, below and around me.</i>	<i>I am your song and servant,</i>
<i>Where do you want me to serve you?</i>	<i>Before, behind and all through me,</i>	<i>Singing your praise like Mary.</i>
<i>Where can I sing your praises?</i>	<i>Your spirit burns deep within me.</i>	<i>Surrendered to your Spirit,</i>
<i>I am your song.</i>	<i>Fire my life with your love.</i>	<i>"Let it be done to me."</i>

<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>	<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>	<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>
<i>You are the Lord</i>	<i>Be warmth of my heart.</i>	<i>"Let it be done to me."</i>
<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>	<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>	<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>
<i>You are the way.</i>	<i>You are the way.</i>	<i>You are the way.</i>

<i>I hear you call my name, Lord,</i>	<i>You are the light in my darkness.</i>
<i>And I am moved within me.</i>	<i>You are my strength when I'm weary.</i>
<i>Your spirit stirs my deepest self.</i>	<i>You give me sight when I'm blinded.</i>
<i>Sing your songs in me.</i>	<i>Come, see for me.</i>

<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>	<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>
<i>You are the Lord</i>	<i>You are the Lord</i>
<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>	<i>Jesus, Jesus,</i>
<i>You are the way.</i>	<i>You are my Light.</i>

SCRIPTURE 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Leader: This is the word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your continued support of the church through your gifts, tithes, and offerings.*

*Tithes and offerings may be given in the basket located in the front entrance.*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of steadfast love, you give to each a measure of your bounteous mercy; accept what we offer in return as a response of love. If it is service, make it pleasing in your sight. If it is wisdom, let it lead others. If it is dollars, multiply their effectiveness. Do this for the sake of Christ, whose gift of himself has made us one. In his precious name. Amen.

#### DOXOLOGY\*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

##### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Mighty God, we pray for all those whom we've named before you. We pray also for those whose lives are governed by fear - of failure, pain, loss, and illness.

**People: God of mercy, speak to our prayers.**

Pastor: Holy God, we pray for all those who seek reconciliation - with a family member, a friend, a coworker and others.

**People: God of hope, speak to our prayers.**

Pastor: Loving God, we pray for those ill in body, mind or spirit.

**People: God of compassion, speak to our prayers.**

Pastor: Merciful God, we pray for all those living in anger and may the anger be released.

**People: God of grace, speak to our prayers.**

Pastor: Holy God, we lift all the concerns of our hearts and minds and ask you to renew, strengthen and restore us.

**All: We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord who taught us to pray. 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* (Eva B. Lloyd, words; Music attr. B. F. White)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 459

ALL VERSES

#### BLESSING

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Improvisation*

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CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

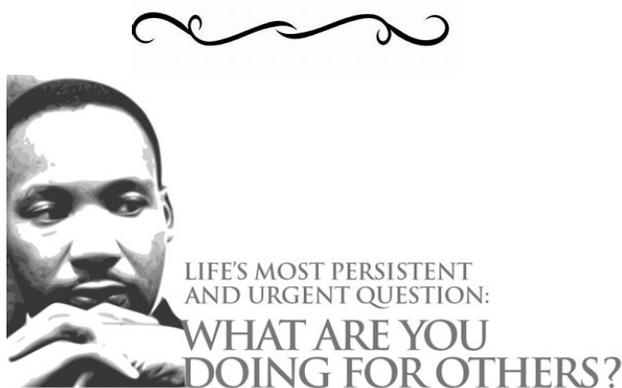
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Pastor: Jesus says a beginning will happen soon.

People: **We go with Spirit-filled gifts of hope and anticipation for what God is about to do in and through us for God's glory.**

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

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### OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

### WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA ~ THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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