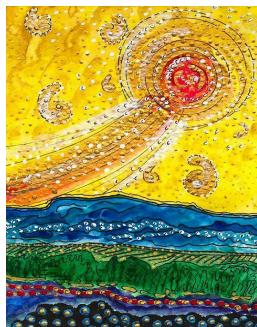


First Congregational United Church of Christ  
January 5, 2025 ~ The Rev. Kaity Kemp



*Day of Epiphany by Progressive Involvement*

PRELUDE

Pastorale

J.S. Bach

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

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*(Following announcements, please turn and greet your neighbor "good morning", new children are welcome to join other children up at Kid's Church on 3rd floor- see usher for assistance )*

OPENING HYMN # 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

*Congregation sings, standing*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

**ALL: She brings worlds into being and illuminates the night sky with stars in the heavens.**

PASTOR: Wisdom declares herself and tells of her might in the midst of her people.

**ALL: She strengthens her children and grants peace to the peoples.**

PASTOR: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

**ALL: She bestows grace and redemption and makes mystery known. Praise Wisdom!**

PRAYER SONG#647

Give Us Light

*Congregation, seated, before and after prayers*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

*Congregation, seated*

**Holy God, all things came into being through you. You enlighten our lives. Yet, we are drawn to shadows and veils. We distance ourselves from the conditions of oppression and despair of our neighbors, and we hide from your displeasure and disappointment at our limited allegiance to the kingdom. Ignite a hunger and thirst for righteousness, justice, and truth in us. Spark compassion in our hearts. Make us a righteous branch in the vineyard. In the name of Jesus and hope of restoration, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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*Close your eyes to let go of the world around you, introduce a word in your mind, and gently let yourself be. When distractions arise, gently call to mind the word to return to interior silence.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Congregation, seated*

**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.**

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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DOXOLOGY#708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*Congregation sings, standing*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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FIRST READING

Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Barb Pfeiler

SPECIAL MUSIC

Go Tell it On The Mountain

Vocal Ensemble

GOSPEL

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

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REFLECTION

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COMMUNION

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*All who wish to know the love of Christ are welcome to receive communion. We receive communion by coming forward as the ushers invite you, to receive the bread in your hand and then drink your individual cup. We offer gluten and grain free bread. The cup contains grape juice.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Noel

D'Aquin

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Congregation, seated*

We give thanks, almighty God,  
That you have refreshed us at your table  
By granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith,

Increase our love for one another  
And send us into the world in courage and  
peace, Rejoicing in the power of the Holy  
Spirit; Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN# 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Congregation sings standing*

BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION SONG#377 I Want to Walk as a Child of Light (vs 1 & refrain) *Congregation sings, standing*

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Ferguson

