

**Memorial United Church  
January 29th 2023  
Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of Christ Candle**

As surely as the sun rises over a new day,  
so God blesses us with the Light of Christ's Spirit.

**Grateful for this Light of Grace and Hope,  
we gather in the promise of God's Love.**

**Life & Work of the Community**

**\* Hymn Make a Joyful Noise      820VU**

**Call to Worship:**

O God, you call us by name to come ,  
and we respond with delight and gladness

**In joyful obedience,  
we come to worship our God.**

Rising out of the depths of despair,  
we gratefully gather for worship.

**In joyful hope,  
we come to worship our loving God.**

Our God had given us a new song  
of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

**In joyful trust,  
we come to worship our God. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**There is no one like you, God of infinite patience. You promise to listen to us...to sit with us always. You speak more words of hope and grace, and offer more acts of compassion and goodness, than we can count on the fingers and toes of every living person.**

**You continue the work of shaping and forming us as disciples of Jesus. You gather up all the words we should never have**

spoken, and you rearrange them into stories of peace and new beginnings.

You sweep up the messes we leave littered behind us, and you recycle them into gifts that are able to soften the hardest hearts.

There is none like you, Spirit of Wisdom. You gather together all of your daughters and sons throughout the earth, and you call us to use our gifts, to share the hospitality and Care of Jesus with everyone we meet. Together our souls sing the goodness of your Presence.  
**AMEN**

**Introit      Where Two or Three are Gathered MV 14**

**Minute for Mission**

**Hymn      Come Children Join to Sing      VU 345**

**A Story For all Ages**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Isaiah 49: 1-7**

**Psalm 40:1-11**

**Sermon**

**Hymn      My Love Colours Outside the Lines      138MV**

**Offering**

**Anthem**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Grace-giving God, when we give we discover that we receive; when we receive, we have reason to give. Receive the offerings we bring as we acknowledge and celebrate the blessings of our lives. AMEN**

**Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer:**

**Hymn      I Love to Tell the Story      VU 343**

## **Commission and Benediction**

Go forward into life, living with a daring faith,  
caring with a strong yet gentle heart,  
serving with a clear, yet sensitive purpose.

**We go into a world of opportunity,  
with the peace of Christ to enfold us,  
the love of God to support us,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit to encourage us.**

**AMEN**

## **Sending Forth. When You Walk from Here**

### **Upcoming dates**

**Jan 29 - 10:30 Worship - Debbie Aitken  
- Deadline for Reports for the Annual Report  
Feb. 5 - 10:30 - Worship Debbie Aitken  
Feb. 12 - 10:30 - Worship - Mark Tiller  
Feb 19 - 10:30 - Sacrament of Baptism - Debbie Aitken  
- Official Board Meeting following worship  
Feb. 26 - 10:30 - First Sunday in Lent - Debbie Aitken**

**Please remember the Breakfast program. They require;**

**Juice boxes - Orange or apple  
Granola bars - plain or cinnamon  
Jam  
Cheese Whiz  
Pancake mix**

**Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.**

**Montague Food Bank Items need on a regular basis: canned meats and fish, soup, cereal, side and main dishes, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, condiments, unscented toiletries and pet food, feminine hygiene products, monetary donations to purchase fresh food.**

**PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier.**