

### **First United Methodist Church**

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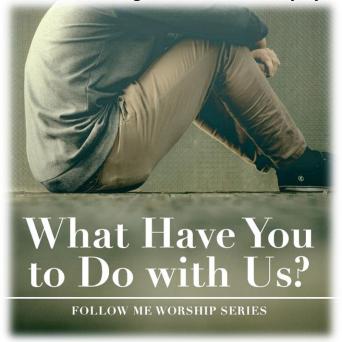
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# January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



## **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Jackie Freeman

Liturgist	Ushers	Music Leader
Mildred Weldon	Volunteers	Sarah Ritchea

# Order of Worship

**PRELUDE** 

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Pastor Jackie

**INTROIT** 

"Amazing Grace"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mildred Weldon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

People: We bring hope for health and wholeness.

What afflictions do you bring to worship?

Physical pain?

People: From illness and injury.

Emotional pain?

People: From sad and scary life situations.

Mental pain?

People: From dis-ease of many kinds.

With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

People: But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus

People: and Jesus frees him.

And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?

People: When we bring all of who we are

hopeful, afflicted, bold into relationship with the Divine

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

People: hopeful, afflicted and bold

Come, let us worship!

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 

"My Hope is Built"

**UMH 368** 

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

Mildred Weldon

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Power and wisdom, we give you our eternal thanks for the gift of your Son, who came not only to save but to teach us about your kingdom and how we might live, readying ourselves for that kingdom. He taught with authority, and if we listen, we will live a life of generosity, mercy, and compassion. Bless what we give this day and help us be faithful in the use of all our resources, that we might live like those anticipating your kingdom. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

#### THE SHEMA

Sh'ma Yis'ra'el. Sh'ma Yis'ra'el.

Adonai Eloheinu. Adonai Eloheinu.

Adonai echad. Adonai echad.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1: 21-28

Pastor Jackie

MORNING MESSAGE

"What Have You to Do with Us?"

Pastor Jackie

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### TIME OF PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ:

O God, source of life and grace, we are aware that we are, at times, prisoners of fear and habit. Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to live and to love, that we may be the people you have created us to be. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*SENDING HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord"

**UMH 419** 

\*BENEDICTION

## Financial Information December 2020 **Expenditures:** \$9,202.69 Revenues: \$6,052.74

