

***Christ Congregational United Church of Christ***  
***A church that listens, praises God, inspires, and serves others.***

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February 6th, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Preparation for Worship**

***““People love to say, “Give a man a fish, and he’ll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he’ll eat for a lifetime.” What they don’t say is, “And it would be nice if you gave him a fishing rod.” That’s the part of the analogy that’s missing.”***

***— Trevor Noah***



***Please stand, if it is comfortable for you to do so,  
where the \* indicates.***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Isaiah, surprised by the Holy One in the Temple,  
A vision, a call, a response:

**All: Here I am: Send me!**

One: Paul, surprised by the Spirit at his hateful work,  
An interruption, a challenge, a response:

**Many: I received from the Lord the word of grace I now proclaim!**

One: Weary fisher folk, surprised by Jesus at their empty boats,  
A sign, a promise, a response:

**Many: They left everything to follow! Let us worship the One whose call still surprises and challenges us.**

**\*HYMN:** "Tu has venido a la orilla" (No. 173, NCH)

***Estrillo:***

***Jesus, me has mirado a los ojos; sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre;  
en la arena he dejado mi barca; junto a ti buscare otro mar.***

**1/ Tu has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos  
tan solo quieres que yo te siga. (*Estrillo*)**

**2/ Tu sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas;  
tan solo redes y mi trabajo. (*Estrillo*)**

**3/ Tu necesitas mis manos,  
mi cansancio que a otros descansa,  
amor que quiera seguir amando. (*Estrillo*)**

**4/ Tu Pescador de otros mares,  
ansia eterna de almas que esperan  
Amigo bueno, que a si me llamas. (*Estrillo*)**

**\*HYMN:** "You Have Come down to the Lakeshore" (No. 173, NCH)

***Refrain:***

***O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you I will seek other seas.***

**1/ You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only asking for me to follow. *(Refrain)***

**2/ You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, Just these my fishnets and will for working. *(Refrain)***

**3/ You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary. A love that's willing to go on loving. *(Refrain)***

**4/ You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: As loving Friend, you have come to call me. *(Refrain)***

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Holy One, you are ready to meet us  
wherever we are in our lives,  
offering vision, interruption, hope  
where we may least expect it.  
Surprise us here at worship today  
With some grace unexpected  
that will change something in us  
—large or small—  
and send us into the world  
inspired and impassioned to do your work.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*THE COMMANDMENT OF JESUS (John 15:5, 12)**

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 138 (NSRV)**  
*Thanksgiving and Praise  
Of David.*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Luke 5:1-11 (NSRV)**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Let Us Break Bread Together

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**You call to us through the voices of the poor and the powerless,  
But we close ourselves off from their need:**

**Lord have mercy**

**You call to us through the cries of those who struggle  
to change structures of oppression, but we turn away from their challenge:**

**Christ have mercy**

**You hint, you invite, you surround us with calls to love you more fully,  
and follow you more faithfully, but we cling to comfort and safety:**

**Lord have mercy**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

Friends, the call of God, like God's own grace, is new every day.  
Let us go forward with eyes and ears and hearts open  
to the work of God in our world,  
and draw on the courage to create with God a Just World for All.

## **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER SONG:** "I Need You Every Hour" (No. 517, NCH)

**I need you every hour, O God of grace,  
The peace your voice affords, I now embrace.  
I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to you.**

## **TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### ***THE PRAYER OF JESUS (Unison)***

*We join our hearts together as we pray:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

Generous God, you call us to give as we have received.  
You call us to respond to your grace.  
Let our generosity express our gratitude for your goodness in our lives.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      His Eye Is On the Sparrow

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**God who calls us to participate in your vision of justice for our world,**

**Let these offerings become our response:**

**all your people fed,**

**all your people safe,**

**all your people housed,**

**all your people educated. Amen.**

**SERMON: "It's Not About the Fish!"**

**COMMUNION HYMN: "I Come with Joy" (No. 349, NCH)**

**1/ I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**2/ I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**3/ As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**4/ And thus we meet, and better know  
the Presence, ever near,  
And join our hearts and sing with joy  
that Christ is risen here,  
that Christ is risen here.**

**5/ Together met, together bound  
in friendship we will stay,  
And go with joy to love the world  
and live the way we pray,  
and live the way we pray.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

God who makes all things new, we thank you for letting us come as we are and share in this meal. We know that we are what we eat, and, having taken into ourselves the body and blood of Jesus, we gain his power, his healing abilities, his commitment to justice for all people. Help all of us gathered here to work together as the different parts of the body of Christ—hands, eyes, voice, and conscience—to carry on Christ’s work and witness and worship. Amen.

**\*GOING FORTH SONG:** “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult” (No. 172, NCH)

1/ Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day that voice still calls us,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

2/ As of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake. (*continues*)

3/ Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the treasures we adore,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more." (*continues*)

**\*GOING FORTH SONG: "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult" (continued)**

**4/ In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**5/ Jesus calls us! By your mercies,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.**

**\*COMMISSION (Unison)**

***Here we are, O Holy One!***

***Send us into your world to do your justice,***

***Witness to your vision of grace,***

***And follow you with courage into your transforming reign. Amen.***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**



## ***Welcome to Everyone!***

***Whoever or whatever brought you to our Sanctuary or our Facebook on-line worship service this morning, we believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in you joining us. We hope that you feel the Holy Spirit in our service of prayer and praise. At Christ Congregational Church we strive to love one another as God has loved us and welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us. Therefore, we are an Open and Affirming church, loving and welcoming all people in all of God's variety; including racial, ethnic, and economic diversity, gender diversity and expression, sexual orientation, and physical and mental abilities.***

***BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE! THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY you will have the opportunity to donate \$10 to purchase a Church World Service blanket in memory or in honor of a loved one. For each donation a heart will be pinned to a sample CWS blanket displayed in the front of the Sanctuary. These blankets are donated to people in need in our country and around the world. This is a project of our Board of Mission Outreach.***

***JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please let Pastor Candy know of any joys or concerns you would like lifted up in worship before Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Call or text Pastor Candy at 925-640-9289; or send an email to [cccpastor@att.net](mailto:cccpastor@att.net).***

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY led by Pastor Candy is offered each Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We are using the LISTEN UP! Bible study, John, part 2 which you may download for free. [ZOOM](#) Meeting ID: 825 4768 5992**

**ANNUAL MEETING, February 13<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please plan to be present in-person in the Sanctuary or on ZOOM. Changes in the Church BY-LAWS will be presented, as well as an update on the sale of church property. There will be voting on the BY-LAWS changes and on the property sale. A Zoom invite will be sent for those who are unable to attend in-person.**

**PRAYER LIST**

**Carolyn Campbell, Deena Chamberlin, The Rev. David Christensen, Carol Christensen, Joan Hansen Maggie McDowell, Don and Peggy Olson & Family, Marlene Shulman, Jim Ketzle, and J.J. Ketzle.**

**For Pastoral Care Needs, please call *Pastor Candy* at 925-640-9289 or you may call or leave a message at the Church Office, 305-235-9381.**

**CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 TO FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

<b>SUN. FEB. 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP (SANCTUARY &amp; FACEBOOK LIVE)</b>
<b>MON. FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>ZOOM BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>SUN. FEB. 13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP (SANCTUARY &amp; FACEBOOK LIVE) ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY AND ON ZOOM</b>

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**Our altar flowers are offered by Joan Chandler  
in celebration of her beloved daughter’s birthday.**



