

University United Methodist Church

January 10, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m. ♦ *First Sunday after Epiphany*

Prelude

“Prelude in C”
Pianist - Nate Jones

Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

In Unison

O God, you have created us to live in community. Bless our families and our friends who provide us with the grace and love of an extended family. Help us as we learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference. Grant that we may be sealed in our kinship with one another and may Jesus provide us the example and saving grace needed for our journey. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting “UniversityUMC” to 77977 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions.*

Solo

“Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten”
Soloists - Hannah and Ella Brewer-Jensen
Sung in German

Johann Sebastian Bach
from Cantata #78

*We hasten with weak, yet eager steps,
O Jesus, O Master, to you for help.
You faithfully seek the ill and erring.
Ah, hear, how we lift up our voices to beg for help!
Let your gracious countenance be joyful to us!
We hasten with weak, yet eager steps, O Jesus, O Master, to you for help.*

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Nothing Will Make You Happy”

The Reverend Justin Coleman

Confirmation

Responsively

Cosmo Alexander
Abby Arbuckle
Catherine Ballenger
Walker Brown
Lucy Franks
Graham Gerding
Braedyn Jacobson
Cooper Jacobson

Nate Jones
Everett Keady
Kaeli Nguyen
Harper O'Connell
Caroline Park
Sean Pomykal
Nora Kate Roettig

Catherine Rucker
Isabella Scurria
Ella Smith
Evelyn Steinbeck
Anna Stratton
Morgan Turner
Kathryne Woods

Do you as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?
With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Closing Hymn

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Hymn 402

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God” (Hymn 102)

J. S. Bach, arr. by Virgil Fox

Special thanks to our Confirmation Class of 2020 mentors,
who committed hours of careful attention to our confirmands!

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Corie Wilkens, Linda Manor, Ed Tostanoski, Ben LaVange, Mayme Roettig, Mary Ollila, Ann Bingham

Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
David and Frances Giles by Beth and Joe Alexander.

