



The 2nd Sunday After Epiphany
January 16, 2021

Prelude

Simple Gifts

We are Called to Worship – God has made us to be One Body with many members. United and uniting. This is our calling. God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit. United and uniting. This is our redemption. God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways. United and uniting. This is our worship. Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God, who challenges us and calls us to create *the Beloved Community*.+

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

A Time of Prayer— O God, all people are your Beloved, in all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. *We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.* You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now: Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr.,...+

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—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.

We Hear God's Word

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (CEB)

12 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. ² You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. ³ So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶ and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷ A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ⁸ A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹ faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰ performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. ¹¹ All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Meditation

Being Beloved Community

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation— Brothers and sisters, who we are and yet becoming as individuals shows God's presence in the world. That divine presence is reflected even more fully, powerfully, and transformatively as we unite in Beloved Community. Let us bring ourselves, our gifts, and our resources together that God may be glorified.+

January Benevolence—Emergency Assistance: Every so often a neighbor contacts Zion for assistance for things our Franklin Township Ministerial Association and our Southeast Association Eviction Ministry do not cover. This could be anything from diapers and formula to bus tickets or clothes. We want to ensure that we have funds available when the call comes to serve our neighbors. Please, consider donating to our January Benevolence offering to help support Emergency Assistance.

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at
www.zionuccindy.net/donate

Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Traditional

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Inclusive

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

Hymn

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing—Let us go forth to celebrate and strengthen *our inescapable network of mutuality*, and become *the radiant hope* needed in the world. As we go forth in this mutuality, may we experience our God rejoicing over us and with us. Let us go forth confident that *unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word*. Amen!+

Postlude

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy