

Sunday January 24th 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 62)

One: Our souls wait in silence for God alone.

All: Our spirits find peace in God alone.

One: For God alone is our rock and our salvation.

All: In God alone does our faith remain unshaken.

One: Pour out your hearts before God.

All: For our God is our refuge and our strength.

One: Put your trust in God.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **VU# 220** "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Rock of our salvation, teach us anew how Your Kingdom has come near. As you called Simon and Andrew long ago, call us to be your disciples, so that we might find refuge and strength as we face the destructive forces in our lives.

**Grant us the strength to wait for you in quietness, that we might meet you in the depths of our souls. For in you we rest secure, in you we abide in holy love.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3: 1-10, 4: 1-3

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 14-20

Hymn **VU# -** "This Is My Song"

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, the words of your Son echo in our ears: "The Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." How we long to set aside the advice we get from others and put our trust more firmly in you.

We know our fearful hearts, O God. Renew us, Holy One, and bless us with your

steadfast love, so that we might truly live as people who have seen Your Kingdom come near. Amen.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Just as God forgave the people of Nineveh when they repented and turned from their ways, so God will forgive us also when we turn to walk in the paths of life.

All: We pour our hearts out before God and find peace. Amen.

Anthem: Bruce Cockburn – “Lord of the Starfields”

Sermon: Wanting Harm

Hymn **VU# 684** “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”

The Offering

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.

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 686** “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude: GENTRI – “Abide With Me”