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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

January 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Michael Small

Liturgist: Bev Jorland

Greeter:

Special Music: Sue Grage

Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

Tech: Ace Diehl (Video), Samuel Batson (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

† HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 49:1,6-7 NRSVUE)

One: Listen to me, O Coastlands; pay attention, you people from far away!

All: God called us before we were born; we were named by God while in our mother's womb.

One: God made our mouths like sharp swords; in the shadow of God's hand, we were hidden.

All: God made us a polished arrow; in God's quiver, we were hidden away.

One: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

All: Kings shall see and stand up; princes shall prostrate themselves, because of God, who is faithful, the Holy One has chosen you.

† For those who are able, please stand.

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Redeemer, granter of free will, helps us to stay encouraged to exercise our free will to cause heaven to exist on the earth. We confess that we often miss the bigger picture, while staring at the snapshot of our lives. You have equipped us to see each other's suffering and remedy it. In doing so, we transform how we live and where we live. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Grage

Focus Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* (p. 249). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.

- 1 Islands, listen to me!
Pay attention, distant peoples!
YHWH called me before I was born,
And named me from my mother's womb.
- 2 God made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of the hand of the Most High.
The Almighty made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in God's quiver.
- 3 The Holy One said to me,
"You are my Servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified."
- 4 I had been thinking, "I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing!"—
yet all the while my cause was with YHWH,

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- and my reward was with my God.
- 5 Thus says YHWH,
who formed me in the womb to be God's Servant,
who destined me to bring back the children of Jacob
and gather again the people of Israel:
- 6 "It is not enough for you to do my bidding,
to restore the tribes of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob
and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations,
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."
- 7 Thus says YHWH,
the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One,
to the one deeply despised,
the one abhorred by nations,
the one enslaved by despots:
"Rulers will stand when you walk in the room
and court officials will pay homage
because of YHWH, who is faithful,
because of the Holy One of Israel, who chose you."

REFLECTION

"Salvation"

HYMN

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pray with words familiar to you*)

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sue Grage

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: (*as collection plates come forward*)

Tune #780

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**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

† HYMN “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” (vss.1, 2, 3) #307

PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

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Salvation May Reach: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, who serves as The Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Mystic in the making.



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