



**THE BAR HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**29 Mount Desert Street**  
**Bar Harbor, Maine 04609**

January 23, 2022

10:00 AM

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**PRELUDE**

**SILENT REFLECTION** *(by Howard Thurman)*

I will sing a new song.

I must learn the new song for the new needs.

I must fashion new words born of all the new growth  
of my life – of my mind – of my spirit.

I must prepare for new melodies that have  
never been mine before,

That all that is within me may lift my voice unto God.

Therefore, I shall rejoice with each new day

And delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding.

I will sing, this day, a new song unto the Lord.

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Thanks to our worship assistants today: Doug Lee, Liturgist, Deb Wade, welcome table, and Chloe Bolt, Kathe Simons, Al Simons, Steve Grubb, Cristy Benson and Jim Brown, worship technicians.**

**The flowers on the altar today are given by Barbara MacQuinn in memory of loved ones.**

- **Your presence (virtual or real) is needed at our Annual Meeting on January 30**, right after the worship service
- **Sign up to help** w/ welcome table / liturgist on the whiteboard
- **Open Table Tuesday @4-6pm** for take-out or delivery
- **Morning prayer** Tues @8:30, **evening prayer** Thurs @7pm via BHCC Facebook live, or in person.
- **BHCC Saunter** Thursdays - meet at the church @ 10am
- **BHCC Bible study** Friday @ 11am: in-person or on Zoom
- **College Care Package** supplies are needed by Weds., Feb. 4
- **This year's Souper Bowl** is February 13. Bring in your cans of soup!
- **You're invited to share your offering** in the offering plates either at the welcome table or on your way out after worship
- **Need anything?** *Contact Pastor Rob at 266-9026.*

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**INTROIT**            *What Child Is This (verse 1)*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(by Rev. Richard Fairchild)*

Leader: Let us incline our hearts to the wisdom of God; let us seek integrity and understanding.

**People: The testimonies of God are wonderful; God's law gives light to all who hear it.**

Leader: If we accept God's words and store up God's commands,

**People: if we call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,**

Leader: If we look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

**People: Then we will find the knowledge of God, for the Lord gives wisdom, and from God's mouth comes truth and understanding.**

Leader: God holds victory in store for the upright;

**People: God is a shield to those who walk in righteousness.**

**HYMN**     *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Glory to God and praise and love  
Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*unison, by Rev. Gord*)

**Gift-giver, you call us together with our different gifts, our different ideas, our different tastes. You call us together to share what makes us special, to build each other up, to serve together in love. You call us together, knowing that we need all parts of the body if we are to be whole. You call us together to sing, to pray, to listen, to speak. To be refreshed so that we can go out and serve. Pour out your Spirit of reconciling love, that we may live and love as you would have us to do. In your name we pray – Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

##### **Joys and Concerns**

*Text prayer requests in the chat box.*

##### **Pastoral Prayer**

##### **The Lord's Prayer** (*using 'debts'*)

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER RESPONSE**      *Away in a manger (verse 3)*

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask You to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 12-31a.*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, verses 14-21.*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## **MEDITATION**

*"Bearing Witness in Service"*

*Rev. Robert S. Benson*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC THE OFFERING**

Morning Has Broken

*BHCC Choir*

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication** *(unison, from the Archdiocese of Chicago)*

**Love-inspired, generous God: giver of life and source of freedom, what we have is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use Your gifts wisely, and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.**

**HYMN**     *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

**BENEDICTION AND BLESSING** *(from Literature & Liturgy)*

We are the body of Christ.  
May we have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy.  
May we have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need.  
May we have the feet of Christ to bring good news.

Leader: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**    *Go tell it on the mountain, v. 1*

*Refrain:*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. [*Refrain*]

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**