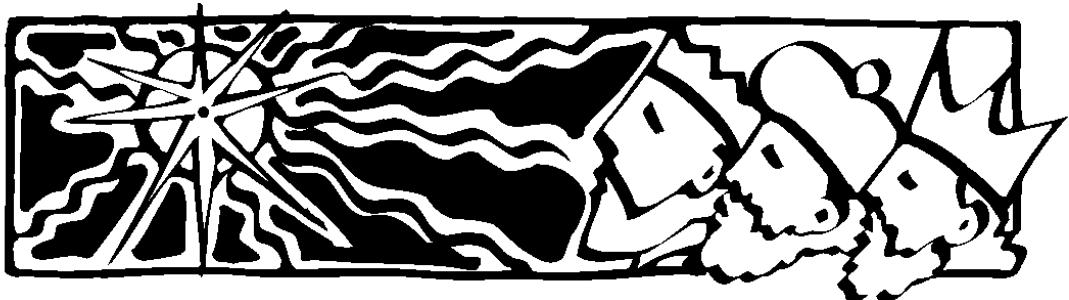




*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

January 11, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

First  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany



## **PRELUDE**

Variations on NETTLETON

A. Travis

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

WORDS: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

MUSIC: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813



1 Come, thou Fount of ev- ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise to thee an al - tar, hith- er by thy help I've come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise his name - I'm fixed up - on it - name of God's re - deem-ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre- cious blood.  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



## **\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
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 OF CONFESSION**

*(Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's blog 'Hold Fast to What is Good'. Used with permission.)*

**Holy God,**  
**forgive us for being so proud, so smart, so able,**  
**that we forget how to be humble, how to learn;**  
**forgive us for being so smug, so anxious, so self-righteous,**  
**that we forget we are not always right, or in control.**

**Open our hearts to seek you once again,  
to hear your Word afresh,  
and to experience your love more fully this new year.**

**Forgive us, and make us whole.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**(Silence for personal confession and reflection)**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**R. Goodson**

## FIRST READING

## Luke 19:1-10

## Response to the reading: “**Thanks be to God**”

## Read from the NRSV Bible

## LITANY

One: When our hearts are hard, O God,  
and cynicism rules our daily lives,  
remind us of your true character:

**Many: Soften our hearts with your love.**

One: When our hands are clenched, O God,  
and we cling to a scarcity mindset,  
remind us of your true character:

**Many: Open our hands with your grace.**

One: When our feet are planted too firmly, O God, and we are digging in our heels in our relationships, remind us of your true character:

## Many: Invite us to dance with you.

**All: Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.**

**Amen.**

## **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

## Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

LAFFERTY

Words: Karen Lafferty 1972

Music: Karen Lafferty 1972, desc. Karen Lafferty 1972

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Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's

2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

3 We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

le - lu - jah, hal - - le  
 D Em A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness,  
 you shall find;  
 ev - ery word  
 and knock and the  
 that pro - these  
 door ceeds shall be  
 from the

lu - jah, hal - - le - lu - jah.  
 G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you.  
 o - pened un - to you. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - - jah.  
 mouth of God.

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

O Come to Me, the Master Said

KINGSFOLD

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926- )

MUSIC: English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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1 O come to me, the Mas-ter said, my Fa-ther knows your need;  
2 A - bide in me, the Mas-ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;  
3 Be - lieve in me, the Mas-ter said, for I have called you friends,

and I shall be, the Mas-ter said, your bread of life in - deed.  
my life shall be, the Mas-ter said, poured out for you as wine.  
and yours shall be, the Mas-ter said, the life that nev - er ends.

By faith in him we live and grow and share the bro - ken bread,  
His bod - y to the cross he gave, his blood he free - ly shed,  
And so, with sin and sor - row past, when death it - self is dead,

and all his love and good-ness know, for so the Mas-ter said.  
who came in love to seek and save, for so the Mas-ter said.  
the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Mas-ter said.

## SECOND READING

Luke 19:11-27

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

Read from the NRSV Bible

## SERMON

Jodi Spargur

(Silence for personal reflection)

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731  
(Blessed Jesus, at Your Word)

J.S. Bach

### \*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.  
All creation, shout and sing!  
Praise three Persons, yet one Love:  
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.  
\*Prayer of Gratitude

## \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

Text: John L. Bell (1949- ).

Music: Melody Scottish trad.; arr. John L. Bell (1949- ).

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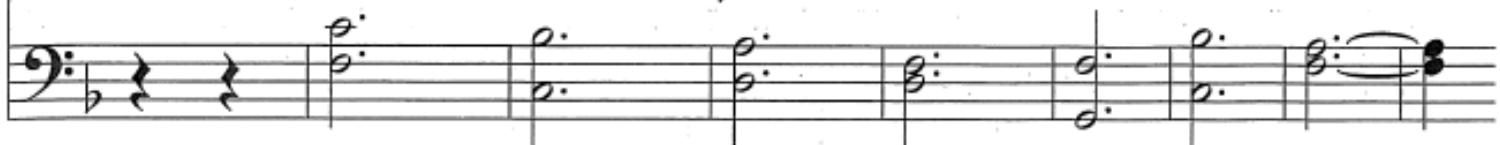
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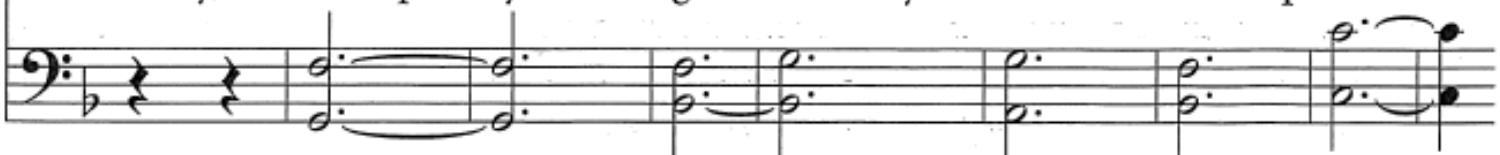
1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## **\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **\*The Sending of the Community**

### **\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world – begins again this week*

## **POSTLUDE**

Recessional

A. Breur

### **\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Guest Preacher - Jodi Spargur;

Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown;

Scripture Reading - Ryan Keay, Twyla Fletcher;

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Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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— FBC Council