EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

January 20, 2019, The Second Sunday after Epiphany

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today. Please note this is a scent free environment. (*please rise in body or spirit) ****************

Prelude: "March"

G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn: MV #98 Like a River of Tears

Centering & Candle Lighting

*Invitation to Community

Come in from the wilderness places

Those places that separate us from the Divine

In this place you are held in the palm of God's hand

The hand that creates, the hand that assures

Let the Divine speak to you

Our hearts are anxious to be nourished

Gathering Prayer

God of all places and spaces, each one of us brings our vulnerabilities, our wounds, our fears. We ask that you hold us up above judgement and ridicule. We pray for the strength to stretch our souls for you, that we may be faithful followers of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Candles of Joy and Concern

*Hymn: VU #271 There's a Wideness vs 1, 2 & 5

Worship with the young at heart

You Call This Good Time?

Preparation for proclamation: VU #82 A Light is Gleaming

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

Psalm 91, VU #807 Reader: Dean Haggerty Matthew 4.1-17

Anthem: "Song of the Potter"

Words: Bert Stratton Music: Ruth Elaine Shram

Reflection

*Hymn: VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Being Led by the Spirit

Minute for Mission: Phyllis Elvidge Bell

Offering: "Andante Tranquillo" Mendelssohn

*Hymn of Presentation: VU #227 For the Fruit of All Creation

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us.

most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God. *Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we offer these treasures and talents even though we are sorely tempted to keep them to ourselves. May these offerings be transformed by your spirit to help a hurting world. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful (Prayer of repentance)
Leader: Beloved sisters and brothers,.....
so that our worship will be pleasing to God.
Reader 1: Compassionate God, you have chosen us
Lord, have mercy
All: Lord, have mercy.

Reader 2: Loving God, you have gathered us

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Reader 3: Gracious God, you have commissioned us...... Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins and lead us to eternal life.

All: Amen.

*Hymn: VU #348 O Love, How Deep vs 1,2,3 & 7

*Sending Forth

Light has dawned

We will shine like the sun

Go back into the wilderness

We will decipher what the spirit is saying

Remember: you are in God's hand

And God's work is in our hands.

*Concluding Rite: VU #87 I Am the Light of the World

"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

Postlude: "Sing and Rejoice" Rand

Randolph Johnston

In Appreciation

Minister: All the Congregation and Rev. Don Uhryniw Music:
Arlene Gray and the Choir
AV: Brian James & Lyn Miller; Sunday School: Sue Masters
Ushers & Greeters: Kathy Gillis, Ted Shaw, Joyce Hawthorne & Jaquie
Robinson; Elevator: Bill Atkinson

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