Central United Church

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Sunday, January 17th 2021 <u>Second After Epiphany</u>

We gather...

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: And also with you

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbours in needs, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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, forever and ever. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Hymn: "All To Us"

* Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

Message: "A Note on Nathanael"

We respond....

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Pastoral Prayers

* Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation for next Sunday, Third after Epiphany:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

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