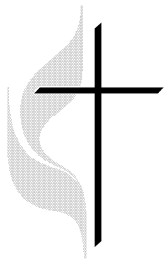


*Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church*

*Traditional Service*



*Second Sunday  
After the Epiphany  
January 17th, 2021*

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*\*You are invited to stand as we praise God.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING MUSIC** "Open My eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Here we are, Lord!

**P: You have seen us and known us from before the beginning.**

L: Here we are, Lord!

**P: Jesus, you have called us to this place.**

L: Here we are, Lord!

**P: Gracious Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with courage and joy. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*      *UMH 399*

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

**\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*RESPONSE TO PEACE:**      *“This Little Light of Mine”*      *UMH 585*

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

2 Everywhere I go

3 All through the night

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*UMH 95*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye  
heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Amen.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERTORY PRAYER  
(UNISON) Generous Father, thank you that all things were  
created through you and for you, you are before all things,  
and in you, all things exist. Accept the gifts we place before  
you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of  
God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy  
of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

John 1: 43-51  
Follow the Leader

*New Testament*  
Pastor Bob

**Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

<sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” <sup>51</sup> He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**RESPONSE(S)** Lord in your mercy; hear our prayers, Lord for this joy, hear our praise

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH 419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

**Refrain:**

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine. **(Refrain)**

3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend! **(Refrain)**

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee. **(Refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Kurt Faussette