

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Psalm 40-1-11

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January 15th, 2023

## January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Second Sunday after Epiphany

**PRELUDE** Steal Away and My Lord, What a Morning!

African-American spirituals, arr. Callahan and Butler

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from the words of Dr. Martin Luther King)

Leader: However difficult the moment, however frustrating the hour, a society that can live with

its conscience will not be long in coming.

People: Because truth pressed to earth will rise again.

Leader: How long will it take?

People: Not long, because no lie can live forever.

Leader: How long?

People: Not long, because the moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

Leader: Friends, a day of hope must come.

May we be a congregation called to confront racism and hatred.

People: May God keep our minds fixed on Jesus

who shows us the way of love.

\* **Hymn #398** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

\* INVOCATION

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 40:1-11 p. 513 OT

SERMON A New Song Rev. Bob Brown

\* HYMN #525 Here I Am, Lord

(v. 1 & 3)

#### PRAYERS PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, THE 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. Amen.

#### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Drew Clarke

**OFFERTORY** In Christ There is No East or West

African-American spiritual, arr. Martin

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore:

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Adapted from a prayer written by W. E. B. DuBois

Loving God, we remember today those who are in the bonds of poverty, who have neither sufficient food nor drink, the comfort of home, or the love of beauty. Bring us the day, O God, when the world shall no longer know such poverty that stunts growth and feeds crime. As we offer these gifts, help us to be satisfied with less and to think of others as Jesus taught us. Amen.

#### \* Hymn #440 In Christ There is No East or West

African-American spiritual, arr. Callahan and Butler

\* COMMISSIONING Sending us out with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leader: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

People: Love is the only force that can change an enemy into a friend. Unarmed truth and

unconditional love will have the final word.

Leader: Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle, the passionate

concern of dedicated individuals.

People: God help us to be those individuals. Give us the courage to sacrifice, struggle, and even suffer

for the cause of justice.

Leader: Can we say amen to this prayer?

People: Amen!

#### **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE This Little Light of Mine

African-American spiritual, arr. Hassell

\* The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

<u>Worship Leaders:</u> Rev. Bob Brown, Senior Minister; Rev. Gail Miller, Minister of Congregational Life; Victoria Wagner, Music Director

It is a joy to have a rose on the communication table celebrating the birth of Alice Marie Minty. Alice was born on January 8th to Josh and



Katherine Minty and big brother, Raymie. Proud grandmother is Sarah Lawrence.

No Sunday night Youth Group today or next week.

Monday Office closed in observation of MLK, Jr. Day

Tuesday Anchor Group, 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Friendship Circle; Caregivers Group; 10:00 a.m.

Knitwits, 10:00 a.m.

Youth Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Women of Spirit, 7:00 a.m.

Finance Committee, 8:00 a.m.

Choir 7:30 p.m.

FORUMS for the Congregation to discuss the Church Profile and subsequent search for a settled Senior Minister.

Wednesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM (link will be announced)

Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – in person

Please read **Jon Piper's Stewardship Update** letter and email, sent this past week, if you haven't had a chance to see it yet. We are looking for financial support from parishioners to help "Bridge the Gap" as we are falling short of our budget goal for 2023. More info online as well.

**Bob's celebration** will take place from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please write Bob a note and drop it at the church office to Amy or Judy. Notes will be collected and presented to Bob. Want to record a tribute instead? Follow this link: https://www.tribute.co/bob-brown-14755/

Want to help with finger foods? Sign up through the church website, or <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aa9a82ca46-celebration#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aa9a82ca46-celebration#/</a>



## HERE I AM, LORD



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Luke 13:29

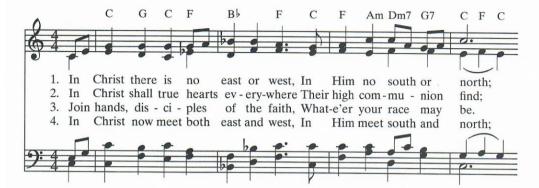
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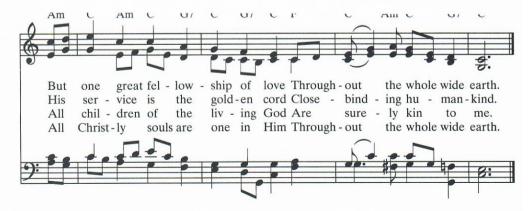
# In Christ There Is No East or West

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John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

African-American spiritual Jubilee Songs, 1884 Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940





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