

WELCOME!

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE Meditation on “Kingsfold” -Bitgood

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, let us love one another, because love is from God;

People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Leader: Since God loved us so much, so we ought to love one another.

People: If we love one another, God abides in us.

Leader: And those who abide in love, abide in God.

All: Let us worship the Almighty God, source and giver of unconditional love!

***HYMN 391** Take My Life and Let It Be -Hendon

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Welcome, O God, and be our guest in this sacred time. As Advent reminds us to prepare for your presence in Christ, may our worship make room for love's arrival in our midst. We pray in the spirit of the loving Christ; amen.

***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, amen.*

ANTHEM Lead Gently, Lord -Cason

HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20 -Reader, Herb Ward

SERMON “Recruitment Strategies” -Rev. Mark Winters

*HYMN 377 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore -Pescador de Hom-
bres

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Andante -Fischer

*DOXOLOGY

*To God, all glorious heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
Alleluia, Alleluia. To God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Take our lives, O God, take our hands and our voices; take our treasure, will, and love, and consecrate them all for your divine purpose. In this time of worship, strengthen, equip, refresh us and restore our faith for the work of discipleship. We pray in the Spirit of Christ; amen.

***HYMN 434** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples -Kingsfold

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Chorale Improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda” -Manz

*** Congregation Standing (if able)**

Welcome to the Federated Church!

We strive to be a welcoming community, serving God and neighbor. If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. We hope you are able to join us for coffee hour in the Parish House, across the courtyard, after worship. Our services are live-streamed. If you prefer to be off camera, we recommend sitting toward the back on the left-hand side.

Head Deacon:	Herb Ward
Ushers:	Donna Rhoades and Herb Ward
Flowers:	Herb Ward
Coffee Hour Host:	Open And Affirming Task Force
A/V Team Member:	Brett Regan
Choir Practice:	Tuesday at 4:30PM
AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9-3PM

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