



Prophet
on the
Edge

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE AT
PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 30, 2022

***Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING MUSIC**

#319 Sing Them Over Again to Me

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.*

Many: **Anointing us, sending us.**

One: *To bring good news*

Many: **to bind up, to proclaim favor, to comfort, to provide, to loosen.**

One: *The day of the Lord is coming.*

Many: **The day of the Lord has come.**

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)

You speak, God – all we need to do is pause, and turn our attention to the song singing from the heavens, and whispering in the wind; to the flight of the dove, and the touch of its wings on our heads; to the giggling of the water, and the mark it leaves in our hearts; Your voice comes to us in faithful surround sound, beckoning us to join the chorus, share in the dance, and extend the invitation into all the earth. You speak, God – you always speak; and joyfully, we are listening. Amen.

***HYMN**

#314 Community of Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 19,

page 630 New Century Hymnal

SUNG PSALTER RESPONSE

#596 Rock of Ages

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: Luke 4:14-21

14Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.15He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.16When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,17and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:18" The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."20And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.21Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: An excerpt from Reluctant Prophet by Jack Good, The Christian Century

Luke makes this event a coming-out party as it were -- the synoptic equivalent of John's account of changing water into wine. Luke has Jesus define himself by his association with the dispossessed. The implication is clear: a Christian faith without a social dimension is a wimpish impostor. The individualism that runs unrestrained through many churches today is a late and tragic corruption of a communal tradition. Paul knew this. He dismissed individualism with a few incisive phrases: "When one member suffers, all suffer."

SERMON

The Story Fulfilled

OFFERING / *DOXOLOGY & *DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Holy God, may the gifts that we offer to you this morning reach those of us in need; the infirm, the captives and the oppressed. Remind us that the words that Jesus read in the synagogue were as much for us as for those who heard it that day long ago. Amen.

*HYMN

#286 Spirit of Gentleness

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 9:30.

CONFIRMATION to follow worship.

Linda Evans and Jolene Larson will have a **SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS TO GET THEIR PICTURES TAKEN FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY** today starting at noon into the afternoon and Sunday February 6th! We will probably schedule some evening sessions maybe even on a Wednesday also! We will have to discuss it with Boyd who is going to be taking the photos for us! We will schedule appointment times in 10 minute increments! Contact Linda Evans or Jolene Larson either text, call, or messenger, or sign up on the list at the church! Jolene 402-640-5271 or Linda 402-368-8042 we will do our best to accommodate! Thanks

MELANIE WILL BE ORDERING AMY-JILL LEVINE'S BOOK "ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS" FOR OUR LENTEN BOOK STUDY. If you'd like a book please let her know.

WOMEN/MOMS OF PEACE UCC ARE INVITED TO JOIN A DISCUSSION AND BOOK READING of the book *Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for everyday moments*. The first together is February 1st at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. It will also be available through zoom if unable to attend in person. For more information please contact Maggie at 402-525-1765.

PASTOR MELANIE'S OFFICE HOURS are Sundays 1:30-3:30. Call or text if you'd like to meet with her. She can be reached at (402)841-1450 or (402)500-3412 or revdocmel@gmail.com

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NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:

Deloris Ashburn Clara Ritter Diann Larson

CONCERNS

"Hate-full" and Divided America

Mass Shootings at schools and public places

Members of Tilden Church of Christ

Graham Sayers, infant son of Lisa (Henseleit) and Jay Sayers

Diann Larson

Ciera Nygren

Bill Rittscher

Clara Ritter

Gene Fields

Jesse Johnson

Dustin Meyer

Eric Heithoff

McCoy Backer

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