



# Forest Grove United Methodist Church

Know God • Build Community • Impact the World

## January 23, 2022 The Third Sunday after Epiphany Ecumenical Sunday

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### GREETING

Holy, loving Creator of all, the heavens declare your goodness each day and night proclaims your love.

**You call us to witness to your power and grace.**

You give us mouths to sing your praises, hands and feet to do your will.

**You call us to proclaim the good news of your reign.**

We yearn to become your people, the body of Christ, living for the sake of the world.

**Let us worship the God who calls us.**

Ps 19, 1 COR 12, LUKE 4 (AWA)

#### HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

CHARLES WESLEY (UMH)

1) O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2) My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

3) Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

4) He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

5) To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

6) Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7) In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

## OPENING PRAYER

Surprising, sustaining, Giver of grace, you make us part of your holy body, awakening us with glimpses of your glory. You allow us to see shadows of your astonishing beauty in the deep, bright blue of the winter sky. Your frosty breath leaves sheets of shimmering ice on windshields and doorsteps. You make our words write trails of steam in the crisp morning air. You invite us into your very breath—as the Holy Spirit breathes us into awareness of your loving presence. In our prayers, in our songs, and in our silence, teach us how to be your holy body, to bring good news to a world that yearns for you. Amen.

DEBORAH SOKOLOVE (AWA)

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

### PSALM

Psalm 19 (responsively)

UMH 750

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, or are there words; their voice is not heard;

**Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

In them God has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

### SERMON

Mission Statement

## RESPONSE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, eternal yet ever-moving One, who creates and is creating, who keeps covenant, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

We believe in Jesus, the Servant-Advocate who lived the way of dying-and-rising, who embodied justice and reconciliation, who, with authority, calls us to share this way and this embodying.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sustaining Presence and transforming Power, who dwells among us in clarity and mystery, who inspires us individually and corporately, who challenges, prods, emboldens.

We believe that the Church, community of faith and caring, covenant and promise, which nurtures our pilgrimage, calls us to be witnesses to God's truth, love, and justice.

We believe that our believing affects our daily walking and talking, our doubting and struggling, our decisions and choice making, and our responses to persons and systems.

As siblings in this community, we intend to raise questions hopefully, to work for justice lovingly, and, by God's grace, to share our ministry faithfully and passionately. Amen.

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 894

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Persistent, embracing giver of life, use our gifts and offerings to bring good news to all who suffer or are oppressed.**

DEBORAH SOKOLOVE, ALT. (AWA)

## SENDING

## HYMN

Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

FWS 2139

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL (FWS)

### Refrain:

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me.

1) Did ever you see the like before?  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,  
King Jesus preaching to the poor.  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

2) Oh, wasn't that a happy day  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,  
When Jesus washed my sins away?  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

3) Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right,  
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me,  
They fool all day and pray at night.  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

4) My Lord has done just what He said,  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me,  
He's healed the sick and raised the dead.  
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me. [Refrain]

## BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Rejoicing in the good gifts of our Creator, and filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, let us go out to love and serve the world as the body of Christ.

Go to be good news to all who are in need. **Thanks be to God.**

DEBORAH SOKOLOVE

## +POSTLUDE

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