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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 31, 2021**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fusion Church**

*“Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” Thomas Merton*

**PRELUDE** “Tell Me the Old, Old Story” *arr William Doane*

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *by Rev. Bob Gibson for the London Conference of the United Church of Canada.*

Leader: Christ, wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, invites us to sail out of our smug harbors

**People: into the uncharted waters of faith.**

Leader: Speak to us, Spirit of Grace:

**People: of that hope which is our anchor;**

Leader: of that peace which is our rock;

**People: of that grace which is our refuge.**

**HYMN #341** “I Sought the Lord”

1. I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.  
It was not I that found, O Savior true;  
no, I was found of thee.

2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.  
’Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,  
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**Opening Scripture** I Thessalonians 5:19-21 (International Children’s Bible)

**Dexter Time** (*Rev DeMott & her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture*)

**Children’s Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer** (*using debts-debtors*)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Take My Life” *F. R. Havergal*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *When Rev DeMott says, "Lord, in your mercy," please say and/or sign "Hear our prayer."*

**TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT**

**Musical Offertory**

"The Woman at the Well From Three Gospel Scenes"

*by James Biery*

*"I heard the Voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest'"*

**Blessing and Amen**

**RESPONSIVE READING** I John 4:7-16

*Inclusive Bible translation*

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God;

**People: everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God.**

Leader: Those who do not love have known nothing of God,

**People: for God is love.**

Leader: God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:

by sending the Only Begotten into the world,

**People: that we might have faith through the Anointed One.**

Leader: Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten

**People: to be an offering for our sins.**

Leader: Beloved, if God has loved us so,

**People: we must have the same love for one another.**

Leader: No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another,

**People: God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us.**

Leader: The way we know that we remain in God and God in us

**People: is that we have been given the Spirit.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:16-20

**SERMON**

**HYMN #344** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

*by Cesáreo Gabaráin*

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore,  
looking neither for wealthy or wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

*Refrain:* O, Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side, I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. *Refrain*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*LeMon*

Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

**People: To God alone all glory be**

**All: Amen, amen, amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner

Flowers.....Lana Meissner

Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor

Special Music.....Luanne Crosby

Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

*Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom for a Virtual Coffee Hour.*

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**Communion**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Lay Leader.....Deb Stephens

Flowers.....Communion

**Tax Statements:** If you would like a statement of your donations for tax purposes please notify Joan Bowden via email – [Joan.Bowden@yahoo.com](mailto:Joan.Bowden@yahoo.com).

**Check Your Checks:** It's that transition time when we all mistakenly continue to write 2020 instead of 2021 on our checks. Be sure to double check your checks before submitting them.

**VHS Tapes, CDs, etc.:** first come, first served – free for the taking in the foyer of the Church Center.

**LOST & FOUND to be claimed before February 1**

- \* Men's gray sport coat with brown suede elbow patches
- \* Black cap saying "Ingredients Matter"
- \* Teal cloth belt for women's rain coat or jacket
- \* Yellow rechargeable battery of some kind that says "its good when you play more"

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch in hospice care, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Joan Schulze family on the death of her sister's son, Mary Smith and Jen Smith and family on the death of Bill Smith, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), Mary Lou Cartledge's brother Walter Straight (heart surgery), Beth Slack's brother Will Jacox (Covid)

**Opportunity to Support Our Community through Alfred Main Street and Meals** During this pandemic, more local families are experiencing food insecurity and local businesses are seeing a drastic decrease in customers. The purpose of this project is to provide meals to those in our local community who would benefit most and to support local businesses providing those meals. Use the link below for more information: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/mz54m-alfred-main-street-and-meals?member=7994032&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_email%2Binvitesupporters](https://www.gofundme.com/f/mz54m-alfred-main-street-and-meals?member=7994032&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvitesupporters)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission of Your Choice**

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