

East Bangor
United Methodist Community Church
January 21st, 2024
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Our Mission: To Reach, Teach and Share God's Love

WELCOME
PASSING OF THE PEACE
PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us come together and celebrate God's love and grace in our hearts.

The strength of the Lord is our hope and our salvation.

The powers and the wealth of the world will all pass away,

But the glory and the love of the Lord will endure forever.

Then let us lift our voices in praise and song for God's glory!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***HYMN #61**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

**Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!**

**Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!**

**Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!**

**To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!**

*** MORNING PRAYER**

Gracious and merciful God, you have called each one of us to be followers of Christ and to be fishers of humanity that all might know your love and salvation. We give You our loving praise. In Christ we pray. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

“Delivering the Paper”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1 – 5, 10

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: **2** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. **4** Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” **5** The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; **30** those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; **31** those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Come Now and Follow Me”
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CELEBRATING OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL 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.

OFFERING

***THE DOXOLOGY #95**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #467**

“Trust and Obey”

**When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain:

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]**

**But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]**

**Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14 - 20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

MESSAGE

“Come Now and Follow Me”

Pastor Dave

***HYMN OF DISMISSAL #593**

“Here I Am, Lord”

**I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
(refrain)**

**I, the Lord, of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
(refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**