

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Jan 19, 2025 - 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL to WORSHIP

One: We come to God with arguments,

People: And God gives us stories.

One: We come to Jesus with questions,

People: Then Jesus offers us more questions.

One: We come to the Messiah making comparisons and forming judgments,

People: So the Messiah asks us to listen and wonder.

One: We come to Emmanuel, looking over there, outside ourselves, beyond our community, at everyone else.

People: And Emmanuel invites us to start here, where we are, to begin inside ourselves and within our community.

All: What will Love call us to learn and understand?

SONG #172 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYER of REV DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING:

O God, we thank you for the fact that you have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures. We call you different names: some call you Allah; some call you Elohim; some call you Jehovah; some call you Brahma; some call you the Unmoved Mover. But we know that these are all names for one and the same God. Grant that we will follow you and become so committed to

your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives and in this world a brother and sisterhood, that we will be able to establish here a kingdom of understanding, where men and women will live together as brothers and sisters and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus. *Amen*

SILENCE & LORD'S PRAYER (*New Zealand Version*)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. *Amen.*

*SONG 256

Kum Ba Yah

Sharon Novak

Hurting, Hungry, Healing, Sharing

— REFLECTING —

READINGS

Matthew 9, Mark 2 & Luke 5 (excerpts)

REFLECTION

PATCHES & SKINS

Rev Gail Doktor

SONG #206

I Danced in the Morning

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

POSTLUDE

Sharon Novak

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE

Focus this week: Cindi, Dean, Deb & Deb's spouse, Irene, Ruth, Sascha, Sue, Tony, Tyler, the family of Tat.

Continuing: Alice, Annie, Alexis, Arden, Barbara, Bob, Bob G., Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Cindi, Corey, David, Darlene, Deb, Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sally, Sarah, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Rob, Bob G, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson S., Dawson's sister, Alice, Arden, Bob G., Wendy.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Weekend WORSHIP

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Matthew 9: 14-17 —¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “*Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?*”

¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, “*The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.*”

¹⁶ “*No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made.* ¹⁷ *Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.*”

Mark 2:18-22 —¹⁸ Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and people came and said to him, “*Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?*”

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, “*The wedding attendants cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.* ²⁰ *The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.*”

²¹ “*No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.* ²² *Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.*”

Luke 5:33-39 —³³ Then they said to him, “*John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.*”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “*You cannot make wedding attendants fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?* ³⁵ *The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.*”

³⁶ He also told them a parable: “*No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise, not only will one tear the new garment, but the piece from the new will not match the old garment.* ³⁷ *Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins and will spill out, and the skins will be ruined.* ³⁸ *But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.* ³⁹ *And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine but says, ‘The old is good.’*”

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