



Newtown United Methodist Church
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The Second Sunday After Epiphany

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WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Mammy" from Magnolias R.N. Dett
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PREPARE TO HEAR

CHOIR INTROIT "We Need a Faith" J.S. Irvine
text by John Thornburg

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord, Speak to Me" (see back)

OPENING PRAYER

God of wisdom and truth, you have sent a light to us in Jesus so we can see your will, your work and your way. Help us to examine the many loyalties of our lives and empower us to place our Savior as the one to whom we give our highest allegiance. In his name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Take My Life and Let it Be" arr. M. Sedio

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:43-51 (see back)

SERMON "Leading to the Place of Christ"

WE RESPOND TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and

the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

DEDICATING OUR RESOURCES TO GOD

OFFERTORY "When Thou Commandest Me to Sing"

from Cinnamon Grove, R.N. Dett

UMH #95

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, thank you for inviting us to be an important part of your plan to establish your will in this world. May our gifts presented today clearly indicate our willingness to accept that invitation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

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.

WE GO BACK INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lift Every Voice and Sing" arr. R. Johnson

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here.

Children are invited to join Miss Debbie in the front of the parking lot for the Children's Message. Mats will be provided for sitting!

"Lord, Speak to Me"

UMH# 463

v 1,3,4,5

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

John 1:43-51

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus said, "You believe[a] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51

He then added, "Very truly I tell you,[b] you[c] will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on'[d] the Son of Man."