

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER

United Church of Christ

National Association of Christian Congregational Churches (NACCC)

1st Sunday After Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

* Hymn *"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"* Hymnal # 245

* The Gathering Prayer of Confession

The Invitation

We come before the Lord with praise and hope; yet we come as persons whose will to grow and be stretched in faith is often shaky. Let us join together in prayer.

The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we sing the old words of praise, seeking to feel your power and presence of which they speak, and we thank you for awakening that hope within us. Yet we confess, O Lord, that we are slow to change our living. We are cautious, fearful to risk, and overwhelmed by forces which keep us from you. Forgive our timidity of heart, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit, that our lives

may become more constant witnesses to your power and love, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a merciful God, ready to forgive, and faithful to redeem all who repent of their ways and seek to follow him. As you confess in that spirit, know that you are forgiven.

* The Gloria Patri

Hymnal #734

What We Believe – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Scripture	Genesis 1:1-5	p 3/LP 1
	Acts 19:1-7	p 986/LP 1501
	Mark 1:4-11	p 882/LP 1350

Sermon

Bill Glass

* What We Believe – the Heidelberg Catechism

45 Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

* Hymn *"Sing of God Made Manifest"* Hymnal #247

Prayers of the Church - Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* Doxology Hymnal #34

* Hymn *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* Hymnal #248

* Benediction

* Response "Holy, Holy, Holy (1st verse only) Hymnal #136

*** Postlude**

* *All who are able, please stand.*

For church or pastoral matters, feel free to contact Bill Glass (388-2263) or Cyndy Norton (388-2667).

The offering is being taken as a retiring offering, with the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Church calendar-

Today	9:00am	Worship
Tuesday, Jan 12	6:30pm	Council Meeting (Zoom)
Sunday, Jan. 17	9:00am	Worship.
Monday, Jan 18	9am-Noon	Food Bank open
Sunday, Jan. 24	9:00am	Worship.

This Week's Lectionary.

Mon., Jan. 12	Ps 69:1-5, 30-36	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 4:1-12
Tues., Jan. 13	Ps 69:1-5, 30-36	Exodus 30:22-38	Acts 22:2-16
Wed., Jan. 14	Ps 69:1-5, 30-36	Isaiah 41:14-20	John 1:29-34
Thurs., Jan. 15	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Judges 2:6-15	2 Cor. 10:1-11
Fri., Jan. 16	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	Judges 2:16-23	Acts 13:16-25
Sat., Jan. 17	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Sam. 2:21-25	Matthew 25:1-13

The Events of the Past Week. Wherever each of us stands on a particular issue, we all share in the concern for the chaos that was in Washington this week. No one in the nation benefits from anarchy. While we could spend hours, if not days, considering what led to the specifics of Wednesday's events, a certain underlying failure is of us, as a people, being so caught up in ourselves that we fail to see each other and, in that failure, we sow the seeds of failure of our sense of community. In Romans, Paul makes the following observation: *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

As we grew up we heard a song that we could benefit from now:

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

*Let There Be Peace on Earth, The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we. Let me walk with my
brother in perfect harmony.*

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.

With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.



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