

# Hope United Church of Christ



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## THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2012

10:30 AM

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS AND RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE "Pasticcio"

-Jean Langlais

*(\*) Indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

### \*WORDS OF GATHERING

One: Lord, you have searched me, and you know me; you know my sitting down and my rising up.

**All: You discern my thoughts from afar, and you are acquainted with all my ways.**

One: There is not a word that comes to my lips but that you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**All: Knowledge like yours is too wonderful to me, and so I give you thanks and praise.**

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# Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

*Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
*Traditional Irish melody  
Harm. David Evans, 1927*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, you invite us to follow you, and we question your motives.**

**You invite us to come and see, but we criticize and judge.**

**Forgive our skepticism.**

**Forgive our unwillingness to trust and to join you.**

**Forgive us, we pray, that we might follow you, and share in the wonder-filled work you are doing in the world.**

*(moment of silent confession)*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE #160 Refrain *(New Century Hymnal)*

**We will follow the light, beautiful light,**

**Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,**

**Shine all around us by day and by night,**

**Jesus the light of the world.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

CHORAL ANTHEM "Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World" -Nancy Price & Don Besig

### **THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:43-51

Pew Bible p.863

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Pew Bible p.503

SERMON

Ed Zumwinkel III

SILENCE AND REFLECTION

### **THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD**

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER (tune: "O Lord, hear my prayer")

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:**

**All my hope comes from God.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:**

**God, the well-spring of life.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

OFFERTORY "Children of the Heavenly Father" -Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara; Arr. Diane Bish

\*DOXOLOGY (#782 *New Century Hymnal*)

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,  
To Christ revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Spirit now we raise  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"  
*(tune: "National Hymn" #592 NCH)*

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
We join to bless you ere our worship cease, then, in the silence, wait your word of peace.**

**Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; with you began, with you shall end the day;  
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon your name.**

**Grant us your peace, as day turns into night; stay with us till the coming of the light;  
Keep safe all those who call upon your name, for dark and light to you are both the same.**

**Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O God, to your eternal peace.**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Fugue in C Major" -Dietrich Buxtehude

## THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

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### SERMON REFLECTIONS

**What images, thoughts, connections or questions, arose for you as you experienced worship today?  
Use the space below to write or draw or "doodle" those reflections.**