

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
January 15th - Second Sunday of Epiphany

Prelude Barbara Merryman

Gathering Music *You Are Welcome Here*

Welcome Jennifer Gillis-White

Introit *Hear Us God*

Call to Worship Jennifer Gillis-White

Leader: There are no words for what this testimony means, only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

All: We celebrate the prophets and visionaries; in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.

Leader: There is no way to know what this following will take, only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

All: We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners: in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices two.

Leader: There is no telling when the struggle will end, only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

All: We become the movement and the liberation: in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**To the revelation and the wonder, open us. With the vision and the possibility, convict us.
For the recognizing and the following, equip us. In the struggle and the seeking, be with us.
Holy Spirit, manifest your love, make your justice known, in and among us. Amen.**

Opening Hymn *What Does the Lord Require of You*

Prayer of Confession: (unison) Calvin Hall

Too often, we walk past those who require our greatest help. We look the other way when injustice is happening. We cross the street to avoid those who hunger and thirst. Too often we stay comfortable in our own world. Forgive us for not living out your word. Help us not only to face inequity and injustice, but to take action against it.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God; know that forgiveness is freely given to those who seek it, and to those that work towards it. We know you will guide us as we take action in creating the "just world for all" that you spoke of. Amen,

Two-Minute Message Jennifer Gillis-White

Children's Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

Scripture Reading**John 1:29-42 (CEB)**

Calvin Hall

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son."

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?"

He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*[a]). He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

Choral Anthem*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

PIUCC Choir

Reflection*Be Called...To Action*

Jennifer Gillis-White

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Christine Standefer

Our **Creator***, 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

**Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.*

Closing Hymn*We Are Marching***Community News and Announcements****Benediction****Postlude**

Barbara Merryman

The 2022 Giving Statements will be mailed next week. If you have any question regarding the information, please email Melissa Vance at piuccoffice@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2023, directly after worship. There are several items of importance on the Agenda requiring a vote of the membership so please save this date. This is an important time for our church.