*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice*

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*Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

5 February 2023 – 10:30 am

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**\*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.**

**Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

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 Prelude *On A Clear Day* Burton Lane & A. J. Lerner

Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano

 Welcome the Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*Gathering Song Navajo Traditional

**Now I walk in beauty.**

**Beauty is before me.**

**Beauty is behind me, above and below me.**

\*Call to Worship Maryse Postlewaite, liturgist

One: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.  Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life”

**All:   We have seen Christ’s light and have come to worship.**

One: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light,

**All: In whom God is made known by the power of the Holy Spirit.  Amen!**

\*Hymn  *Fire of Commitment* M. K. Morn & Jason Shelton

**From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear**

**Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into set free from fear.**

 [refrain] **When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze**

 **When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way**

 **When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within**

 **Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.**

**From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free**

**Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.** [refrain]

**From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new prophetic voice**

**Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice.** [refrain]

\*Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:**

**May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.**

**May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.**

**And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.**

**Through times of temptation, 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.**

\*Greeting of Peace

 Gospel *Matthew 5:13-16* Maryse Postlewaite

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

 Anthem *Salt* Liz Wright

 Sermon*A Salty Faith* Pastor Dave

 Hymn 181 [hymn sheet] *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People* bring forth

 Prayers of the Church

 Offertory

 Invitation[www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving](http://www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving)

 Offertory Music*Shine* Joni Mitchell

As you come forward with your offering, you are invited to gather at

the front of the sanctuary for the Communion prayers.

 Celebration of Holy Communion

 Prayers of Consecration

 Distribution Music As you partake of the sacrament, you may return to your seat Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 524 this joy

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine**…[x3] **Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine**…[x3] **Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**All— through the night, I’m gonna let it shine**…[x3] **Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

\*Benediction

 Postlude *Whenever God Shines His Light on Me* Van Morrison