

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather around the words of Christ:

"Come, and follow me."

We gather around the voice of the Spirit:

"Come, and follow me."

Let us worship God together

and follow Christ into the world.

OPENING HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

GTG # 435

Time of Spiritual Centering: Confession and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you, yet we are hesitant to drop the tolls and comforts of our lives. We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry. We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism, and hatred that disguises itself as fear. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness, open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me."

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1: 14-20

SERMON: "The Time is Now"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME FOR GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY "How Can I Keep from Singing" arr. Richard Walters
Emily Crisp, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time and our possessions.**

**Use us and what we have gathered for the coming of your kingdom
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN "In Christ There is No East or West" GTG # 318

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Allegro from Sonata No. 5" Mozart

Going Forth / Staying Home and Staying Safe

Assisting in Worship:

Jim Nadder, Emily Crisp, George Radosavljevic,
Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Jane Tuma.