

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.

Bible Reading for January 17

John 1:43-51 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph’s son, from Nazareth.”

Nathanael responded, “Can anything from Nazareth be good?”

Philip said, “Come and see.” (vs. 45,46)

Discussion Questions

• *What kind of first impression do you tend to make? It’s easy to look at someone and make assumptions about who they are, what they are like, and what might motivate them. God often works in unexpected ways, so when we are invited to come and see what is going on—we might not know what we are looking at (like Nathaniel in this week’s reading). Have you ever had to look again at something or someone as more was revealed? How have you responded to the invitation to see who Jesus is for yourself?*



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The Reveal

January 10, 2021

Musical Gift

“Glory Be to God on High” Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn #347 “Spirit Song” John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove will descent
upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs!

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and
you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Refrain

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs!**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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 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 for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading — Mark 1:4-13

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, "One stronger than I am is

coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.—

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "The Reveal"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Akers

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

Benediction

Musical Gift

"Justice and Mercy"

Scott

Organist: Virginia Paul

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