SouthWest United Church Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome

Gathering: VU 701 What Does the Lord Require of Me (Marco Ste. Marie)

Candle

A single drop of water may seem insignificant, but many drops of water can fill an ocean. One Candle may not seem sufficient but, as we all light our candles together, may their light shines through the darkness, bringing us closer to the true light, the light of Christ in these times of uncertainty. Amen

Call to Worship Taken from Psalm 19:1–2

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. We give thanks to God who has created all that we have. And we sing praise to God who has created all that we are. Come let us worship our God.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come before you knowing that what you call us to be and want for us is sometimes at odds with what the world expects from us. Sometimes we feel on the edge between the world we live in and the world you call us to be a part of. Show us your way, O Holy One, that we may learn how to be about your ministry even as we live on the edge. Open our hearts to receive your word and your guidance for our lives. Amen.

Hymn: MV 71 When the Wind of Winter Blows

<u>Prayers for Grace & Transformation/</u> Words of Assurance

God never asks us to go anywhere that God is not willing to go with us. When we can find the strength and the courage to trust, we will never be alone. Thanks be to God

The Peace

Scripture Prayer for Illumination

 First Testament:
 Jeremiah 1: 1-10

 Psalm 71 - part 1
 VU p. 789

 Gospel
 Luke 4: 21-30

 *Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Reflection

Hymn: VU 359 He Came Singing Love

<u>Invitation to the offering/Offertory Hymn</u> <u>Offertory Prayer</u> <u>Announcements</u> *Hymn: VU 642 Be Thou My Vision* (Allan Bevand)

Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference. Go make a difference in the world. MV 209, refrain (Marco Ste. Marie)

Benediction/Commissioning Extinguishing the Candle Sending: MV 215 Peace be With You (Sandra Thompson)

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Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." Jer. 4: 9-10