

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*“Remember, an easy question can have an easy answer. But a hard question must have a hard answer. And for the hardest questions of all, there may be no answer - except faith.”*

*— Charles Sheffield, Brother to Dragons*

**PRELUDE**

*It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

Pat Singer

**WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

**Welcome 2021!!!**

The new year is always full of possibility and promise for new starts and change both within ourselves and in the world. I wish you all a happy new year. May this year be a better year than the last.

**Blizzard Boxes!**

Collect non-perishable food—every box should have 1 item from each of the food groups outlined below (so, 6-8 items total for each box). We would like to have your boxes by Sunday, January 24th.

**Annual Meeting**

On Sunday, February 7 following the worship service, we will hold our annual meeting. This year it will be different because we will do it virtually over Zoom. The annual report will be sent out via email two weeks prior to the meeting, but if you would like to request a hard copy of the report, please contact Marion Stefanoff in the office. You can either pick it up or it can be mailed or dropped off. If you need help getting set up on Zoom or have questions about calling in, please contact Pastor Abbie. More details to follow.

### **Bible Study**

You are always welcome to come to the Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to start the new year by joining in some great dialogue, and all from the comfort of your own home. It is a very laid back environment - you don't need to have any existing knowledge of Scripture - it is a place where we all come with questions, all come to learn, and all come to reflect on how God's word is still alive and speaking to us today. Join us Wednesdays at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86950937176?pwd=QVIWQ29ObjMvZ2NWRWxmVII4RUQwZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5093 7176

Passcode: 359636

CHORAL INTROIT

*Hosanna*

Joyful Noise Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Singer

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

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### **1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

**18** Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. **19** His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. **20** Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay[a] you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to[b] the Lord”; and then they would return to their home.

**26** Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

**Psalm 2:7-8**

7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:

He said to me, “You are my son;

today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ann Singer

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 2:41-52**

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents[a] saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” 49 He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”[b] 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years,[c] and in divine and human favor.

MESSAGE

“Being About God’s Business”

Rev. Abbie Huff

ANTHEM

*Mary’s Child*

Karen Ostertag

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God of Great and God of Small*

Germonds Choir

POSTLUDE

*Go Tell It On The Mountain, spiritual*

Pat

Singer