

# Living Faith

## United Methodist Church



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# A Celebration of Christian Worship

January 17, 2021 ~ Human Relations Day/2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Svetlana Morse, Music Director

**Prelude:** My Jesus, I Love Thee

Svetlana Morse

## Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Call to Worship

L: Who is calling us?

**P: Come and see.**

L: What might happen?

**P: Come and see.**

L: Jesus calls to us, "Follow me."

**P: We follow the one who calls us.**

**Hymn: #2164 Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With  
thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. *(Repeat)*

### Opening Prayer

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see  
who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are  
wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift  
from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the  
depths of your love. Amen.

### Children's Time

Bev Shaw

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10  
John 1:43-51

Samantha Foster  
Jen Foster

**Special Music:** Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Svetlana Morse

**Sermon:** You Have Been Called!

Rev. Bob Jon

**Hymn of Response: #474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

1/ Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am  
weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
light:

*Refrain:* Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2/ When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is  
almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: *Refrain:*

3/ When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past  
and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: *Refrain:*

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, you call to us. We hear you, but aren't sure who is calling. We hear you, but are distracted by many things. We hear you, but are afraid to answer. Open our hearts to your voice. Help us set aside our doubts, our fears, and our distractions, that we may answer you faithfully. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

God searches us, knows us, loves us, and forgives us. God's love shelters us and keeps us safe.

### Passing the Peace

**Human Relations Day: "Did You Know?"**

### Sharing Our Gifts and Tithes

*(Please use the offering box place on the table at the entrance door. For online giving, please visit <https://livingfaithumc.net/online-giving/> or download tithe.ly on your smartphone.)*

#### **Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God, you are the source of all goodness and life. We bring our offering to you this day, knowing that all we have comes from you. We hear your call and we answer, bringing all that we have and all that we are. Use our gifts, our talents, and our bodies for your work of peace and justice. Amen.**

### Hymn: #593 Here I Am, Lord

**1/ I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2/ I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:**

**3/ I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain:**

### Benediction

**Postlude: We Are Called**

Svetlana Morse

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**\*Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:** Today: Bev Shaw; Tuesday: Doug Ewing

### COMING UP

We invite you to join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Breakfast in Putnam via Zoom.

Keynote Speaker: Mr. William R. Dyson

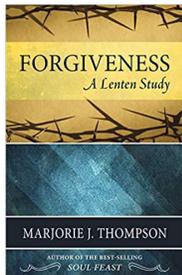
We will also have music from Tourtellotte Memorial HS Modern Music Ensemble and a report from NAACP Windham/Willimantic.

Please register for the event in advance so that you can receive the Zoom link.

<https://livingfaithumc.net/2021/01/13/5th-martin-luther-king-jr-breakfast-in-putnam-virtual/>

The Board of Trustees will meet on January 27, 6 pm via Zoom

The Connectional Table will also meet on January 27, 7 pm via Zoom



Lorna Wade and Marvin Wilbur, lay servants, will again lead another study during Lent for 6 weeks. The theme is Forgiveness. We will use *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie J. Thompson. \$11. If you wish to purchase it through the church, please contact Bev at [livingfaith53.umc@gmail.com](mailto:livingfaith53.umc@gmail.com). The book is also available through Amazon.

Time: Sunday 9:00 am (Starting on February 21 and ending on March 28) via Zoom.

Community Café has received a huge number of bags of split peas. Chris said she could never use that many and is offering them up for anyone who might like them. There will be packages available in the All Purpose/King room for your taking.

