

Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy.

*Saxibel Congregational United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation*

Worship Celebration

January 22, 2023 –10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Introit

A Jubilant Song
The SCUCC Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that God had blessed us with.

All: Let us open our minds, hearts and spirits to God and each other in Worship.

***Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Opening Prayer

O, God, in this New Year:

When we know sorrow and pain, give us the strength to endure it.
When our path is hard, help us to be sturdy and resilient.
When we face fear or uncertainty, inspire courage and patience in us.
When we do not know where to turn, offer us the wisdom to find the right path.

And when we become focused only on our own sorrow, pain, struggle, fear or uncertainty,
lead us to see and care for others who are also in need of strength, resilience, courage,
and wisdom.

Amen.

Music Meditation

How Great His Love Schram
The SCUCC Choir

A Time of Prayer with Our Lord's Prayer (please use the wording closest to your heart)

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Music

Canon in D Pachelbel
Dr. Mackenzie Albert, piano

***Presentation of Offerings and Congregational Response**

(Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, #46)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious, loving God, You call us to help and support each other. You call us to inspire and encourage those within and outside these walls. May these gifts be one way we answer that call. And make those served by them know Your guiding, healing, uplifting presence in their lives. As we know it in ours.

Amen.

Ministry of the Word

John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Message

Dr. Mark Boyea

***Hymn**

O Christ, How Shall I Meet You

***Blessing**

Postlude

Arise, Your Light Is Come (improvisation)

***All who are able are invited to stand**