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*"No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here"*

Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scout Sunday

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

Here I am

arr. Janet Linker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: CJ Zold

***POSTING OF THE COLORS, SCOUT LAW & OATH**

***INTROIT**

Adult Choir

Our father's God, to Thee, author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Philippians 4:8-9) Liturgist

Leader: Siblings, put your minds to these things: whatever is true

People: We seek to be trustworthy and loyal.

Leader: Whatever is honorable.

People: We seek to keep our honor bright.

Leader: Whatever is pure and commendable.

People: We seek to help other people at all times.

Leader: Whatever you have learned or received or heard or seen,
keep doing these things

People: We will do our best.

Leader: The God of peace be with you.

***HYMN**

I Would Be True

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #489

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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, forever and ever. Amen. [We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on John 13:34-35)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Psalm 103:10-12)

Hear the good news! Scripture tells us the Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love to those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

UPDATES ABOUT SCOUTING AT MCC

*Children Pre-K through 7th grade may exit through the back doors
of the sanctuary and meet in the Social Hall for Sunday School*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind

of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.” Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON
Called to Fail

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

Insert

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people's privacy.

OFFERTORY

Rock-a-My Soul

Spiritual, arr. by A. Freed

Adult Choir

***Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #515

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for service to you. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

New Century Hymnal (Black) #524

Proceed downstairs to the Ark/Activities Room

REDEDICATION OF THE ARK/ACTIVITIES ROOM

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

God be with you till we meet again.
With His counsels guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

*Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for
fellowship and refreshments*



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