



**MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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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
January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*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

Be Thou But Near

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INTROIT

Adult Choir

Come, bless the Creator of the Universe:
Lift up your hearts to the holy place,
And bless the Rock of Our Salvation.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 36:7, 9)

Liturgist

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

**People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's
embrace.**

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

***HYMN**

We Would See Jesus

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #152

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)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Titus 3:6-7)

Hear the good news! God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might have the hope of eternal life. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

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.

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 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON
True Abundance

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

***HYMN**
In Cana At A Wedding Feast

Bulletin

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

Let There Be Peace on Earth
arr. Craig Courtney
Anna Kwashnak, soprano

***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)**

At the wedding feast at Cana, you gladdened the guests with divine generosity. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that we may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Bulletin

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
Threefold Amen

Adult Choir

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. David Cherwien

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

In Cana At A Wedding Feast

In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.
There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"
He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;
Through water changed to wine that day, his friends believed in
him.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled
eyes:

You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded
whole.

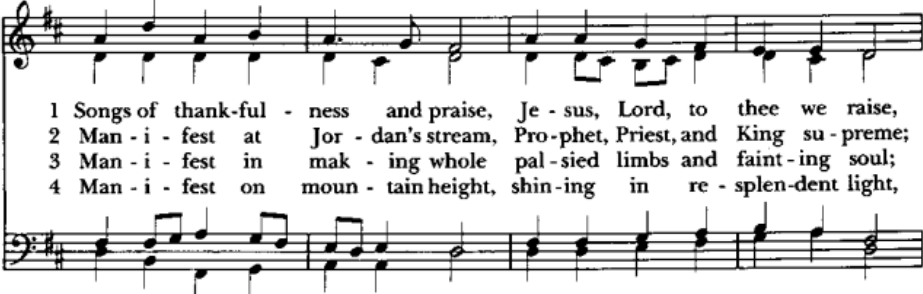
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

-Caroline Gillette

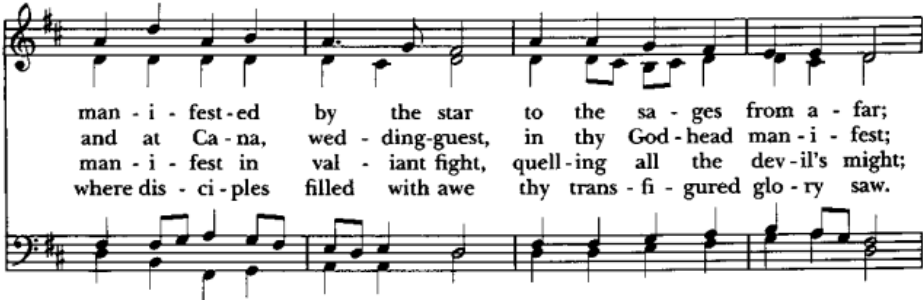
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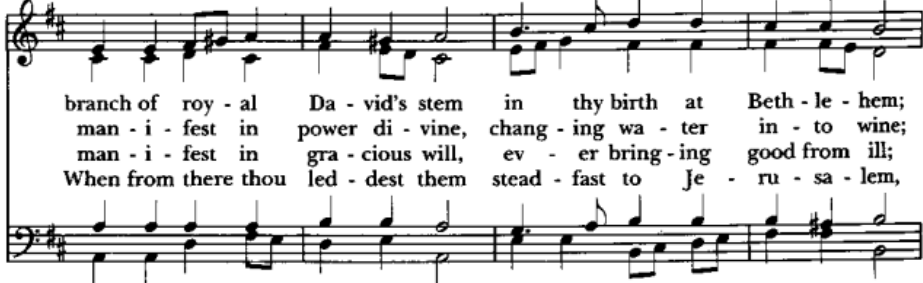
Epiphany




1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin-ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest-ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev-il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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