



First Sunday After Epiphany

January 10, 2021, 10:30am

Gathering Online

The service live stream will begin shortly before 10:30. However, there will be no sound until the service begins. You can find the stream on the FBCH Facebook page or from our website: fbchalfax.ca (click "Worship Online"). Services are also posted to the FBCH YouTube page on Sunday afternoon.

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Once in your pew, we invite you to open yourself to God through prayer and reflection. You may take time to concentrate on your breathing and consider the worries and hopes you bring with you today. You may choose to allow the beauty of the sanctuary to inspire personal prayer and reflection. This time of prayer and reflection is for you. Welcome it even as God welcomes you.

Wifi Password for FBCH Guest: youareloved



Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, organ

Andantino poco Allegretto -Cesar Franck

Welcome

Rusty Edwards

If joining on Facebook Live, we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

If you have a candle at home, we invite you to light it as a way to centre yourself for worship. Even though the FBCH community is not gathered in person, the lights of our candles remind us that Christ is with us and unites us together.

Interlude - AZMON

***Call to Worship**

Rhonda Schofield

From Gathering for Worship, a Baptist Book of Worship

Come, Lord Jesus, you blessed the children and dined with outcasts, healed the wounded and fed the hungry: speak to us again of love.

We long to be sure of your welcome.

Come, Lord Jesus, you humbled the proud and exalted the humble, proclaimed good news to the poor and release to the captives: speak to us again of justice.

We long for our world to be changed.

Come, Lord Jesus, you felt terror at the future, begged your disciples' prayers and needed another to shoulder your cross: speak to us again of humility.

We long to know you in our frailty.

Come, Lord Jesus, you faced the torture of oppressors, and died abandoned on the cross: speak to us again of suffering.

We long to meet you in our pain.

Come, Lord Jesus, you left the tomb empty, and promised us the Spirit: speak to us again of new life.

We long to trust you for the future.

***Prayer of Approach**

Lord Jesus Christ, so deep is your love that nowhere are we excluded from it. Help us to know you in our doubt as well as our faith, our weakness as well as our strength, that meeting you in our depths you may lift us to your heights.

Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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First Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-18

Rhonda Schofield

The New Revised Standard Version

^{2:13}Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Children's Story

Rhonda Schofield

Responsive Psalm 146

Rusty Edwards

The Inclusive Bible Translation

Alleluia! Praise the LORD, my soul! I will praise you all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live!

**Do not trust in rulers, in mortals whom there is no salvation.
When their spirits depart, they return to the earth, and on that
day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel, whose hope is in the LORD, their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in it!

**LORD, you keep faith forever: you secure justice for the
oppressed; you give food to the hungry; you set captives free;
you give sight to the blind; you raise up those who were bowed
down; you love those who do justice; you protect strangers; you
sustain orphans and the bereaved - but you thwart the way of
the corrupt.**

The LORD will reign forever - through all generations.

Alleluia!

Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here bellow, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Second Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-19

Rusty Edwards

The New Revised Standard Version

^{4:14}Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

What’s the Point?

Interlude - LEWIS-TOWN

Prayers of the People

Rusty Edwards

During the silent pause, those following on Facebook Live are invited to participate by offering prayers and prayer requests. May the comment feed be a reminder that we are gathered as a community.

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Creator, 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 that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Hymn

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench 162

1 O car - pen - ter, why leave the bench where
2 O car - pen - ter, why leave the tools to
3 O car - pen - ter, why leave the world of
4 O car - pen - ter, why leave re - pairs with
5 O car - pen - ter, who else could do the

wood yields to your art, and take in - stead, to
car - ry out your plans, and go in - stead to
ta - ble, bed, and house, to face the em - pire's
wood and clamp and glue, and rise from death to
work that you have done? What can we do but

try your skill, the ston - y hu - man heart?
do God's work with emp - ty, o - pen hands?
car - pen - try, to lift a Ro - man cross?
seek in - stead to make the whole world new?
sing your praise, O Sav - ior, Mar - y's son!

By dismissing Jesus as “the carpenter” (Mark 6:3) or “the carpenter’s son” (Matthew 13:55), his neighbors convinced themselves that they could ignore his teaching. This reflective text explores the distance between that humble craft and the great importance of Christ’s true work.

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MUSIC: William Billings, 1794
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Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Choral Amen

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, organ

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren -Max Reger
(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)



Offerings

All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Many choose to give by setting-up recurring contributions. You may also give to FBCH by making an e-transfer or by giving on-line through a link on our website. You can go to our website www.fbchalifax.ca and click on the Ways to Give link on our homepage for instructions on how to give.



Thank you to our live stream worship leaders

Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music

Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development

Jean Ferguson, Coordinator of Congregational and Community Engagement

Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister

Hymn Choir: Bethany Ingraham, *soprano*; Rosalie Dowling, *alto*;

Leander Mendoza, *tenor*; André Gaudet, *bass*



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The story of the early church in the New Testament is a story of the ever-expanding circle of those included in the community of Jesus. We believe that circle expands to include all people.

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