

JACKSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Phyllis P. Coates – Pastor

Sis. Rebecca Wright – Worship Leader

10:30 am. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany – Jan. 14, 2024

GATHERING

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Acolytes

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

A: Speak Lord, your servants are listening.

L: The hands of God beckons us! Are you paying attention?

A: Show us Lord, your servants are paying attention.

L: The love of God asks us – are you ready to follow?

A: Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow

L: Come, let us worship God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

A: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Come Thy Fount”

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MORNING PRAYER

God of all wisdom, how often have we been deaf to your speaking to our hearts, especially when we move in a world that makes it so desperately difficult.

As we bring our gifts to be dedicated this morning, we pray that you might open our ears, open our hearts to hear where you call us to respond with obedience so that we might do what you need to begin healing our world in Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***Offertory Response, “All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

AN AFFIRMATION OF GIFTS

“God Needs Everyone of Us”

God Needs Everyone of Us:

Poets and painters, dancers, singers, and music makers, builders and designers, typists, sellers, and computer magic-makers; van drivers, cooks, and cleaners, readers and teachers; doctors, huggers, pray-ers and child-care-givers.

Each of us has gifts, for we are blessed by the Spirit to dare:

A new idea, a clear vision, a word of hope, a kindness given; a persistent prayer, a call to action, faithful love and ongoing compassion; a vibrant smile, a gentle touch, a shout for justice; each means so much. God needs everyone of us, each with gifts to share, each with Good news to bear.

ANTHEM

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

#413

READING OF GOD’S WORD

SELECTION OF PREPARATION “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” #351

THE SPOKEN WORD

Pastor Coates

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

TAKING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD INTO THE WORLD

Food for Thought: *“What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.”*