

# BERN REFORMED UCC WORSHIP JANUARY 21, 2024



**PRELUDE: "Psalm Thirty One"**

*— Thompson*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place after worship **Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**EPISTLE: I Corinthians 7:29-31** Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have (husbands or) wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 62:5-12**

**LEADER:** For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

**PEOPLE: On God rests my honor. My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

LEADER: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; together they are lighter than a breath. If your riches increase, do not set your heart on them? However, power belongs to God!

**PEOPLE: Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. You repay to all according to their works.**

**\*TRANSITION FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TO SOCIAL HALL\***

**HYMN # 207 "JESUS CALLS US"**

**1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying;  
"Christian, follow me".**

**2. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying,  
"Christian, love me more."**

**3 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**4. Jesus calls us- by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call;  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Jonah 3:1-5, 10** The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, **"Follow me and I will make you fish for people."** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**SERMON: "FOLLOW ME; I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE"**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Sing We Alleluia"**

**— Althouse**

## **"PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE"**

### **"A CALLING PRAYER" (*Source Unknown*)**

We have heard your glorious whisper, almost silent, yet insistent,  
breaking through the chatter of many voices, through the clatter  
of background noises. In the wind, the rain, storm and hurricane!  
Through all of this Your voice remains "Unchangeable"!  
Cuts through to heart and soul, unmissable!

"Come follow me. pick up the Cross! My burden is no burden at all;  
it is simply Love, poured out for you and through you. Sustaining!  
Empowering! ... "Come follow me!"

We are a chosen people, a family people; chosen for love and to share  
love; chosen for joy and to spread joy! Chosen for friendship and for  
befriending. Chosen to receive blessing and to bless. Chosen for  
fruitfulness. Chosen for harvest.

We are a chosen people. A family people, Your family, Our family!

## **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

## **HYMN #205 "O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE"**

- 1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;**
- 4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

### **COMMISSION**

### **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "A Joyous Postlude"**

***—Mallard***

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## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of 2023** are in the Chapel for you to pick-up. Please consider taking statements to family members & neighbors to help defray the mailing costs.

**PLEASE HELP: Drivers are desperately needed** to deliver sandwiches to New Journey once a month. Some of our current drivers have had to drop out due to health issues which is leaving us short help. With enough drivers, an individual is only scheduled twice a year! Please see Barbara Reed if you are willing to help.

*Attendance last week 66*