



January 31, 2021. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Narrative Lectionary week 21 of year 3.

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Psalm 92:1-8

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, Most High; to proclaim your loyal love in the morning, your faithfulness at nighttime with the ten-stringed harp, with the melody of the lyre because you've made me happy, Lord, by your acts. I sing with joy because of your handiwork. How awesome are your works, Lord!

Your thoughts are so deep! Ignorant people don't know—fools don't understand this: though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers seem to blossom, they do so only to be destroyed forever. But you, Lord, are exalted forever!

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord of Christmas Hope, we confess to you our despair.

When we lack your hope we cling to idols that have only empty promises. Lord of Christmas Peace, we confess to you our anxiety. Help us to still our hearts and minds in the midst of natural fears. Lord of Christmas Joy, we confess to you our sorrow. Remind us of the beauty of life and your creation. Lord of Christmas Love, we confess to you our apathy. Inspire us to move forward with you as our guide along the way. We ask these things in the name of The Lord of Christmas, the incarnate Christ, the Word of God made flesh.

*Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession*

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #430 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Examen

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Luke 6:1-16(CEB)**

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One Sabbath, as Jesus was going through the wheat fields, his disciples were picking the heads of wheat, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them. Some Pharisees said, "Why are you breaking the Sabbath law?"

Jesus replied, "Haven't you read what David and his companions did when they were hungry? He broke the Law by going into God's house and eating the bread of the presence, which only the priests can eat. He also gave some of the bread to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Human One is Lord of the Sabbath."

On another Sabbath, Jesus entered a synagogue to teach. A man was there whose right hand was withered. The legal experts and the Pharisees were watching him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. They were looking for a reason to bring charges against him. Jesus knew their thoughts, so he said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." He got up and stood there. Jesus said to the legal experts and Pharisees, "Here's a question for you: Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" Looking around at them all, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did and his hand was made healthy. They were furious and began talking with each other about what to do to Jesus.

During that time, Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night long. At daybreak, he called together his disciples. He chose twelve of them whom he called apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter; his brother Andrew; James; John; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called a zealot; Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Sermon

*Son of Man, Lord of Sabbath*  
by Rev. Robb McCoy

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Special Musical Offering

"Belong Here"

*My Anchor Holds*  
(myanchorholds.net)

Blessing

Hymn #2129 FWS "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" vs 1

Postlude



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

**Current series: "This Is The Way"**

Feb. 7	Raising the Widow's Son	Luke 7: 1-17
Feb. 14	Transfiguration	Luke 9:28-45
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 21	First Sunday of Lent	

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 6:5**

Then [Jesus] said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</b>	<b>Keeping the Sabbath</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Luke 6:17-19</b>	<b>Jesus Touches and Heals</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Luke 6:20-26</b>	<b>Blessings and Woes</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 6:27-36</b>	<b>Love for Enemies</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 6:37-45</b>	<b>Judging Others</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Luke 6:46-49</b>	<b>The Two Foundations</b>

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus teaches us that a sabbath is a time for rest and healing. What has made you tired today? How have you rested?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Out of compassion, Jesus heals one man and raises another from the dead. Where have you seen compassion today? Where have you seen selfishness?