

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY



February 5, 2023

11:00am

We are the newchurch – the *Chiesa Nuova* – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus.

WE GATHER

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

✦ SONG OF PRAISE

Here I Am to Worship

Words and Music by Tim Hughes



Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
You of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,



o - pened my eyes, let me _____ see. ____
glo - rious in heav - en a - - bove. ____



Beau - ty that made this ____ heart a - dore ____ You,
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,



hope of a life spent with ____ You. ____
all for love's sake be - came ____ poor. ____



So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to
(we are) (we are)



bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. _
(we are) (our)



_____ And You're al - to - geth - er



love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

Last time to Coda \oplus | 1.



won - der - ful to me. _____
(us.)

| 2.



_____ And I'll nev - er know _ how much _



_ it cost _ to see _ Your love _ up - on _

| 1.



_ that cross. _____ And I'll nev -

— that cross. —

So, here we are to

✦ INVOCATION

SONG OF THE CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual

This lit - tle light of mine, —
Ev - er - y where I go, —

I'm gon-na let it shine. —

This lit - tle light of mine, —
Ev - er - y-where I go, —

I'm gon-na let it shine. —

This lit - tle light of mine, —
Ev - er - y-where I go, —

I'm gon - na let it shine. .

— Let it shine, — let it shine, — let it shine. —

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

This Little Light of Mine (verse 2)

WE PRAY

SONG OF PRAYER

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Words and Music by Fred Pratt Green



O Christ the heal - er we have come to pray for health, to plead for
Grant that we all, made one in faith in your com - mu - ni - ty may
friends. How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by
find. The whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach and
love _____ that ne - - - ver ends?
pros - - - - per hu - - - man kind.

INVITATION

Rev. James Coley

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our God, in heaven, holy be your name. your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (Verse 2)

WE LISTEN

✦ GOSPEL READING

Evie Wise

Matthew 5: 13 - 16

Jesus continued saying, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Abba, who is God in heaven.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

Above & Beyond: “Into the Light”

WE RESPOND

HOLY COMMUNION

The Story

The Blessing

The Invitation

The Sharing

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available in the small cup to the right.

The Song

Just As I Am / I Come Broken

Music and Lyrics by Charlotte Elliott, David Moffitt, Sue C. Smith, Travis Cottrell and William Batchelder Bradbury

Just as I am without one plea,
But that your love was shown to me.
And that you bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am your love unknown
Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be yours, and yours alone
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,

I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
Through the love of Christ, the Lamb.

And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned
Through the love of Christ, the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am

Prayer of St. Francis

God, make us instruments of Your peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Teacher, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

WE DEPART

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

BLESSING

THE SONG OF DEPARTING

Christ, Be Our Light

Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine in the dark -
ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to -
day. — Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath-ered to - day. —

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you

Many: **And, also with you.**

One: La Paz de Cristo esté con vosotros.

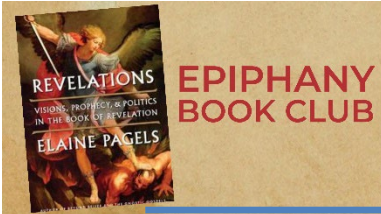
Many: **Y tambien contigo**

SENDING FORTH

EVENTS

EPIPHANY BOOK CLUB – Sundays at 12:15pm or Wednesdays at 6:33pm

We will be offering two opportunities each week to participate in this year's Epiphany Book Study. On Sundays at 12:15 we will meet onsite in the Fellowship Hall and share a meal while we discuss the book. You are invited to bring your lunch or to order from Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc. On Wednesdays at 6:33pm we will meet via Zoom to allow people who live out of town to take part.



HELP BUILD OUR LENTEN LABYRINTH - Feb 12 at

12:15pm

This year we will again build an outdoor labyrinth to be used by our church, Grennland Hills, UMC, and people in the neighborhood.

Yadi, Zach and Morgan will draw the Santa Rosa labyrinth on the southeast side of the sanctuary ahead of time. They are asking for 4-6 people to spend a couple of hours on Sunday, February 12 digging a small trench along the outlines of the labyrinth and then filling the trench with wood chips.

Lunch and drinks will be provided. Email info@thenewchurch.com to let us know if you can help.



TENTH ANNUAL FAMILY FRIENDLY RETREAT & FLOAT TRIP – JULY 23 – 26



Mark your calendars now and plan your summer around our next Family Friendly Retreat & Float Trip. Join us at Slumber Falls Camp, in New Braunfels July 23 – July 26. Slumber Falls Camp is the campsite for the South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ located directly on the Guadalupe River.

Go to <https://thenewchurch.com/float-trip/> for more info or to register.

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newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the **newchurch** – the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

Did You Know...

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

- 2/5**
11:00am
12:15pm
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Book Club
- 2/8**
6:33pm
Book Club
Zoom
- 2/12**
11:00am
12:15pm
12:15pm
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Book Club
Labyrinth Build
- 2/15**
6:33pm
Book Club
Zoom
- 2/19**
11:00am
Seventh Sunday of Epiphany
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
- 2/22**
6:33pm
Ash Wednesday
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
- 2/26**
11:00am
12:15pm
First Sunday of Lent
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Book Club & Lunch
- 3/1**
6:33pm
Book Club
Zoom

