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RIC Sunday - Resilient Community

Sunday, January 26 2025
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church ***makes Christ known*** by ***welcoming all people*** to a ***supportive and accepting place*** to ***grow in faith*** and community and to ***serve the Lord*** as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share your contact information with the greeter, if you would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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RIC Sunday

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

This year's RIC Sunday theme of Resilient Community allows us to celebrate how far we all have come despite resistance while also reminding us we need to keep moving toward the goal of true inclusion. It focuses our attention on how community bonds and relationships sustain the individual members of the community, building resilience in institutions and individuals. When we work together for justice, communities are stronger; when we work together, people are stronger. Just as Paul exhorted the Corinthian church to recognize and value the wholeness represented by different gifts, so to we are called to embrace the wholeness of diverse community.

PRELUDE

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

B. B. McKinney
arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GREETING

Please stand, if you are able.

COMMUNAL LAMENT

All may make the sign of the cross.

P In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for who they are, whom they love, and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts.

Silence for reflection.

P Let us pray. O God, when sins of dehumanization, including racism, intolerance, queerphobia, homophobia, and transphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come closer and dwell among us, encouraging us as we build resilient and just communities.

C Come near to us. Show us the way.

P O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

C Come near to us. Show us the way.

P O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beautifully diverse people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep many of your beloved children from full belonging.

C Come near to us. Show us the way.

P Help us to remember that you see us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

C Come near to us. Show us the way.

P Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

C Come near to us. Show us the way.

P Beloved of God, through the comfort and power that is ours in Christ Jesus we no longer have to be afraid. We can trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded bound together in the love that comes from God.

C Amen!

GATHERING HYMN

Come Now, O God ACS 902



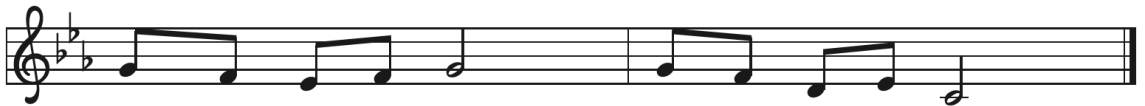
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

All stand as able and sing.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth, peace to God's



peo-ple. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone

are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God,

***C* Your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know we are seen, known, and loved by you. May the example of Jesus continue to create words and action of courage in the work and ministry of anti-racism. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

L A reading from Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all

the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine

and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

L Blessed are they who seek wisdom,
C Who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

THE PSALM

Psalm 19: 1–6, 14

The Psalm will be spoken responsively, by verse.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends of the world
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- 5 It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

For the struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity based on the interconnectedness of the human body that remains a mark of the church today.

L A reading from 1st Corinthians.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable

we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

L Blessed are they who seek wisdom,
C Who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

Please stand, if you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-30

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter:

***C* Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

When 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, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” He said to



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P God desires full life for all. As a church, we recognize that beloved children whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not conform to the expectations of sexism and patriarchy are too often restricted from realizing abundant life. This church names as sin the social forces that silence, control, or devalue people on the basis of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm all people are created in God's image, and we reject any power, privilege, or prejudice that undermines our community and disrupts joy, gladness, relationships, and flourishing life for all people.

Beloved people of God, I invite you to profess your faith, renouncing the forces of evil and the power of sin. Do you renounce all forces that diminish the dignity of those made in the image of God, including the powers of racism, sexism, queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and ableism?

C **We renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all systems of oppression that harm God's children?

C **We renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the sins of silence that draw us away from God and neighbor?

C **We renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Creator?

C **We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C **We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A Trusting in the liberating and reconciling love of God, let us pray for all people and all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A God of unity, with the body of Christ around us, we rejoice for the witness of the body of Christ who has gone before us. We give thanks for the saints of this community, for leaders of the early church including Philip and all who heard your call to embrace outsiders, and for all your holy ones throughout the centuries whose lives bore witness to your ever expansive love and whose example inspires us to do the same. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of wisdom, you are the strength of your church. Inspire the proclamation of our pastor, church Council, and ministry leaders by the power of the Spirit so that all the baptized are bold to share your expansive and affirming good news with all. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of beauty, the heavens declare your glory, and the sky proclaims your handiwork. Where creation groans because of human misuse, waste, and neglect, bring healing and renewal. Open us to heed creation's lament so that all creatures can thrive and sing your praise. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of goodness, your statutes are just, and your commandments are clear. Direct leaders of nations, cities, and towns to pursue justice and equity for our neighbors who are hurting, vulnerable, and held captive to unjust systems. Strengthen us in our resolve to resist harmful rules and to build your beloved community on earth as it is in heaven. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of wholeness, you call us together as one body in Christ, and you create each member with unique gifts and identities. Renew our commitment to celebrate the diversity among us as people of all gender identities and expressions, sexual and romantic orientations, and racial and ethnic identities. Empower us as the congregation of Abiding Peace to recognize and uplift the voices and skills of those who are too often overlooked and othered in the mission of your church. Shape us into an adaptive, resilient community that does not relent in proclaiming your good news and caring for one another. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of healing, you grieve for the pain of your children. Draw near to all who feel abandoned or afraid this week, especially those who fear for their families, health care, or bodily autonomy. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Audrey, Tara, George, Sibylle, Leslie, Hailey, Kate, Dawn, Nancy, Elle & Heinz, Michale, Ellen, and Vicki. (*Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.*) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of truth, your teaching revives the weary soul. Inspire faith formation ministries that foster in learners and teachers of all ages a sense of wonder and curiosity. Make us attentive to your word, and fashion us into a people who never stop asking questions and who never stop learning more about your word and your world. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We entrust these our prayers, spoken and silent, and our sighs too deep for words, to your abundant mercy, through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People stand and share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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OFFERING MUSIC

Cantabile Molto Tranquillo

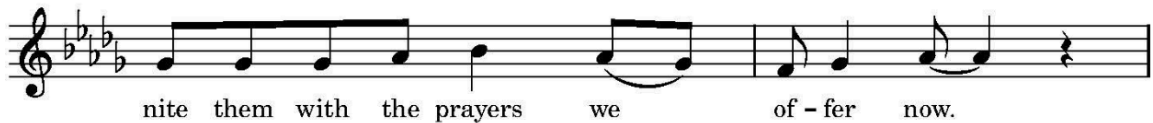
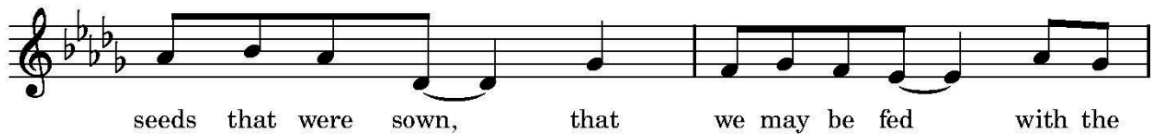
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OFFERTORY

All stand, as able, and sing.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



A God of grace,

C your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: The Lord be with you. **C: And al - so with you.** P: Lift up your



hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.** P: Let us give— thanks to the



Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed our duty and our joy, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful Creator, for you sent your child to be the light and life for the world. Through that child you showed us how to love and be loved, how to enact justice, and how to work for peace. And so, with the all God's children, with all living things on this world, with earth and sea and stars, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of



might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. (Ho - san-na) Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. (in the high - est.)

P All thanks and praise are yours, O God, for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life. Therefore, we breathe your loving Spirit:

(Moment of silence to breathe prayers of praise and longing.)

With all of creation, we cry out:

C Breathe on us, that we may live!

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this resilient community.

C Breathe on us, that we may live!

P May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

C Breathe on us, that we may live!

P Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

C Breathe on us, that we may live!

P All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

C **AMEN!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **Our Father, 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 who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

P Wisdom has prepared the food, poured the wine, and set her table. She calls and we respond:

C **We come, for all are welcome to eat and drink.**

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Standing or kneeling at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.



Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have



mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Welcome Table ACS 969

Stand, if you are able.

- 1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
- 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
- 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv-er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915. Music: ASSURANCE Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Nourishing God,

C at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food, drink, and your true presence. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you've pre -



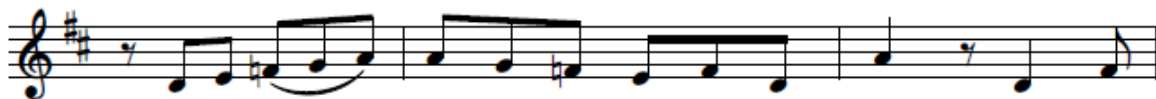
pared in the sight of all peo- ples: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo- ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.

For - ev - er. A - men.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. † May the blessing of God, Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Freedom Is Coming ACS 903

All stand and sing.

1 Oh, free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,
Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is
free - dom.
com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I
free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,
know. Free-dom is com - ing. Free-dom is

free - dom. com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.

2 Oh, Jesus.
 Jesus is coming.
 Oh, yes, I know.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in Hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise Band

*Flowers for today's service are dedicated by
Sandy Carlson in hope for a peaceful world.*



Next Week's Lessons:

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Serving in Worship		
	Today, Jan. 26	Next Week, Feb. 2
Altar Guild		
Counter	Ursula Schroeder	Howard Corneilson
Assistant Minister	Demetria Laird	Sheeba David
Lector	Roy Persson	Mary Kasakove
Communion Assist.	Maria Jerez	Cindy Pawlo
Usher/Greeter/Acolyte	Doug Laird	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Sibylle Schroeder	TBA
Livestream Assistant	Tyler Rice	Tyler Rice

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Thursday, 1/30, 10:00am - 8:30 pm; Sunday, 2/2, 9:00am-1:00pm

Erin: Thursday 9:00-12:00

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginet, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzel, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Joy Laird, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehringer, Tara Woodard-Lehman, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Nancy Appel, Elle & Heinz and family, Michale LaFave, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Ursula Schroeder, Mary Lee & Steve Fenster.

Those in mourning: The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson; the friends and family of Harold Olsen; The Persson Family on the loss of Carrin (daughter of Jan, sister of Krista); The family of Woody Woodruff; The family of Cecile Hopkins; The loved ones of Charlie Bertz (friend of Sibylle's); The family of Papa Joe (Christine's father); The Schroeder & Zwicker families (for the loss of Michael, his mother Elizabeth, and Sibyller's mother and father Margret and Rolf); The family of Vera Reybitz; The family of Neil Nilsen (father of Heather Nilsen).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church office hours:** Pastor Serena will hold office hours on Wednesdays or Thursdays and Sundays, as indicated in the weekly bulletin. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). Our office administrator, Erin, is in the office on Thursday mornings, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

- **Food Pantry Needs for January:** Peanut butter, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.

- **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Erin Porter with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.

- **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, January 26:

- RIC Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Little Learners Sunday School
- Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 27:

- Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, January 28:

Wednesday, January 29:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 30:

- Pride Mt Olive planning meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- Game Night, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 31:

Saturday, February 1:

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, February 2:

- Baptism of our Lord Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Fellowship time, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, February 3:

- Worship & Music committee, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4:

- Faith Kitchen, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Prayer Practices Zoom Study, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 6:

Friday, February 7:

Saturday, February 8:

Upcoming Events

- **Prayer Practices Zoom Study** - Wednesdays in February, 7:00 p.m.
- **New Council Installation** - Sunday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sign Committee Meeting** - Monday, February 10, 1:00 p.m.

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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