

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Come, Ever-smiling Liberty* Handel

GREETING & CENTERING

WELCOMING THE LIGHT INTO OUR MIDST
(Congregation sings "*Come and Find the Quiet Center*")

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader and People)

Leader : God of our past, we don't know where your path leads.

People: Let us walk together in trust.

Leader: God of our present, we don't know where your path leads.

People: Let us work together in faith.

Leader: God of our future, we don't know where your path leads.

People: Let us run this race together in praise.

Leader: Let us fix our eyes on God's future for us, and not look back.

ALL: God is great, and worthy of our trust, our faith and our praise.

* OPENING HYMN "*Guide My Feet*" TFWS #2208 (vs. 1,2,3,6)

LIFE & WORK OF FREMONT FIRST CHURCH

(A time for announcements and passing the peace of Christ.)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God of all creation, You came into the world so that we might know your boundless love, and abundant life. Pour your Spirit on your church, that it may fulfill Christ's command to live the gospel everywhere; that the proclamation of the good news might be heard throughout the earth. Reassure us that we are your beloved people. Defend us against all evil and temptation. Give us grace to bear faithful witness to you. Endue us with love, keep us constant in prayer, empower us for the service of love.

(Please add your own prayers in silence.)

God of grace, you know us completely and continue to call us your beloved. Help us to see others as your beloved as well and act with thanksgiving and compassion. Amen

HYMN "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise" TFWS #2216

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29: 4-7 (pg 639)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "*Presente!*" Valerie M

OFFERTORY *Prelude on Kingsfold* Vaughan Williams

* DOXOLOGY "*Glory to God in the Highest!*" TFWS #2276

* HYMN "*Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom*" UMH #508

BENEDICTION

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE '*An Important Event*' Schumann
from *Scenes from Childhood*

FELLOWSHIP

(* You are invited to stand)

WORSHIP LEADER	Connie S
MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST	Brent P
SONG LEADER	Brent P
SCRIPTURE READER	Sally H
USHERS	Chris & Wendy R
TECH TEAM	Mark S, Roberta M, Donna P, Pete Z

Today's altar flowers celebrate Ora's birthday on January 8th