

PALGRAVE UNITED CHURCH

January 21st, 2024

Sing a New Song.

The lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit

Welcome and Announcements.

Acknowledging the Land

Call to Worship

God's Spirit calls to our spirits.

Inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits.

Inviting us to love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits.

Calling us by name,

Calling us to grow in faith,

Calling us to be made new.

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Hymn: Creating God, We give you thanks VU 292

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, we wait for you to call our name, as

Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James, and John.

Seek us out...at our homes, in our workplaces, even

**as we worship here today.
Help us to hear, 'Come with me'.
May it be the moment that our hearts leave all else,
And as followers of Jesus, look to a new day. Amen**

Prayer of Confession.

Let us offer our prayer of confession, acknowledging what is broken in our lives, knowing that we are loved and that grace awaits us.

**Dear God, The Creator of all, the Creator of miracles, You are the
God with
Power, to do the
impossible, with power that is out of our imagination.
Forgive us our stubbornness,
Forgive us our belief in our own power.
Guide us so that we are not complacent in growth. Urge us to
explore the
impossible through
our belief in You.
We trust in Your unconditional love, always.
Give us the wisdom to understand Your teaching
and the trust to find the angels you have sent to
guide us.
Give us strength and courage to act with you and within Your love
so that we will
Be a part of
You always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Come and find the Quiet Center VU 374- (Verse 1)

Prayer for Understanding

As we come to the scriptures, O God to hear your Word for us, we pray that your Spirit will stir our imaginations, add to our insight, and challenge our assumptions. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Living Word.

Amen.

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (Elder)

Psalm 91: VU 807 (Elder)

Mark 1:1-14 (Rick)

Message:

The Danger of Procrastination

Hymn:

Will you come and follow Me VU 567

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn:

I see a New Heaven VU 713

Blessing and Benediction

Closing Chorus:

May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

Postlude