**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith, proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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**1st Sunday After Epiphany**

**PREACHER: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori**

**\*** You are invited to stand if comfortable doing so

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

***We Gather Together***

***Musical Prelude***: Dr. Wayne Carroll & Lloy McColl

***Opening Prayer***

***Hymn:* VU #232***“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

***Passing of the Peace (*VU #958** *“Halle, Halle, Halle”****)***

***Welcome/Life and Work of the Church***

***We Draw Near to Worship***

***Call to Worship:*** Responsive Reading (Psalm 100)**VU pg#824** (Ref #2)

***Circle Time:* VU#365** *“Jesus Loves Me”*

***Prayers***

***Thanksgiving***

***Intercessory***

***The Lord’s Prayer***

***We Respond in Love***

***Offering/Song Ministration***

***Hymn of Dedication –* VU#541***“Praise God…”* ***Doxology***

***Offertory Prayer***

***We Break Bread Together***

***\* Hymn of Preparation:* VU#480***“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

God be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift up our hearts unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks to God

**It is good and pleasant to give God thanks and praise**

It is good and pleasant thing, our joy and our moral duty, … to give you thanks and praise,… Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the heavenly host, we join in the hymn of everlasting praise saying …

**Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. Amen.**

***Prayer of Consecration***

***Invitation***

***Distribution of Elements***

***We Listen for God’s Word***

***Scripture Readings:*** 1 Corinthians 11:23-27

Reader: This is the Word of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***\* Hymn of Preparation:* “***We Are One In The Spirit***”**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord**

**And we pray that all** [**unity**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/unity) **will one day be restored**

**And they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand**

**And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land**

**And they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love.**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side**

**And we'll** [**guard**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/guard) **each one's** [**dignity**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/dignity) **and save each one’s pride**

**And they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,**

**And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,**

**And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one**

**And they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are** [**Christians**](https://www.definitions.net/definition/Christians) **by our love.**

***The Message:*** “Place Christ at the Right Place”

***We Go Out to Serve***

***\*Closing Hymn:* VU#381** *“Spirit of Life”*

***\* Benediction***

***\* Triple Amen***

***\*Commissioning Hymn:* MV#209***“Go, Make A Diff’rence” (chorus only)*

***\* Musical Postlude:*** Dr. Wayne Carroll

*Thank you to Dr. Wayne Carroll for filling in for Jody this morning!*

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

The sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the means of grace. How do we approach the Lord’s Table to receive God’s grace? We receive God’s grace when we …

1. **Look back in memory of what Christ has done for us**
2. **Look up with gratitude and gives thanks to God**
3. **Look inward and allow the Spirit of Christ search our hearts**
4. **Look around to have fellowship with fellow believers**

1. **Look out for those who may be missing from the Lord’s Table**
2. **Look forward to Christ’s return to take us into His eternal home**

**Think about this:**

* Through Holy Communion, we connect with Jesus Christ not only in the memory of his death, but in the spiritual life He gives to us.
* At the Lord’s Table, we place Christ at His rightful place and when we do, He fixes our world.