



BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
January 10, 2021
Second Sunday of Epiphany
YouTube Service via Zoom
Kate Lathrop, preaching

REFLECTION

New beginnings are exciting!
They become exciting to us because they offer the promise of hope,
the anticipation of change in our lives,
and the prospect that our dreams will indeed come true!
~ Squire Rushnell, *When God Winks on New Beginnings*

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at The River*-arr. by H. Livingston, Jr. Deborah Page
GREETING & OPENING PRAYER Kate Lathrop
CALL TO WORSHIP Kevin Fogarty

Leader: Come, come into the presence of the Lord today!

People: We come, with all the joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and cares.

Leader: You have been fashioned by God's love. You are called across the waters of creation to be a blessing.

People: We have been called to be people of hope and light.

Leader: You have been offered nourishment and cleansing by creation's waters

People: Help us to receive again the blessing of acceptance by God.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN (brown #108)

Come Christians, Join to Sing

1. ***Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our king: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***
2. ***Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!***
3. ***Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"***

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Kate Lathrop

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11

Kevin Fogarty

HYMN (brown # 349)

Trust and Obey

1. ***When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.***

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. ***Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.***

Refrain:

3. *Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do, where He sends we will go-never fear, only trust and obey.*

Refrain:

SERMON

“Yielding to God”

Kate Lathrop

CLOSING HYMN (brown #259)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*
2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.*
3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.*
4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, so I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity. Amen.*

*BENEDICTION

Kate Lathrop

POSTLUDE

Song for A New Day-D. Paxton

Deborah Page

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

Kevin Fogarty

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