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**“Never place a period where God has placed a COMMA,  
God is STILL SPEAKING!”**



February 7, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

**All God’s Family Sunday**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*For Reflection*

“Oh, I got plenty o’ nuttin’, an’ nuttin’s plenty fo’ me.  
I got no car, got no mule, I got no misery.”  
(*Porgy and Bess* – George Gershwin, 1935)

*Please stop by the Sound Booth if you wish to use a sound receiver today.*

*You are invited to watch the screen up front to increase your participation in today’s service of worship.*

*\*The asterisk indicates the times when you are invited to stand if the Spirit so moves you.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

Music provided by Albert Mendoza & Murray Middleman

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Art Cribbs, Pastor

**\*SONGS FOR THE SPIRIT**

**“Part of the Family” and “This Little Light of Mine”**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Faith Van Horsen & Holly Ann Burns

Faith: When we find ourselves in a tricky situation,  
**People: God is real!**  
Holly: When we find ourselves facing a difficult challenge,  
**People: God is with us!**  
Faith: When we need extra strength to face an obstacle,  
**People: God is strong!**  
Holly: When we are not sure where to turn,  
**People: God is in charge!**  
Faith: And when we know God loves us,  
**People: God is awesome!**  
Holly: Come, people of God,  
Faith: And let us celebrate God’s great adventure!

*The Congregation may be seated.*

**A SONG FOR YOUR HEART**

**“Open My Heart”**  
By Ana Hernández

All God’s Family Choir

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**“Love: Honoring our Parents”**

Juancho Borja

**MUSIC TO BLESS THE CHILDREN**

**“Children, Welcome”**

*Children and Youth are invited to participate in today’s worship service.  
Childcare for children under age 4 is available in our nursery today  
with trained, certified childcare provider, Mrs. Barbara Sanchez.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 5:1-11**

Faith Van Horsen

**SONG OF PREPARATION “Come and Find the Quiet Center”**

The United Voices

*Setting by Anne K. Organ, Text by Shirley E. Murray*

**REFLECTIONS**

**“Into the Deep”**

Rev. Dr. Art Cribbs

**A TIME FOR PRAYER**

**“God Fill Me Now”**

Prayer time led by Pastor Cribbs

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

**We Commemorate** Words of Institution and Our Common Prayer

**We Share**

All are invited to the communion table.

*We use **grape juice** so that everyone may feel included.*

***(If you prefer to be served in your seat, please raise your hand, and a Deacon will serve you.)***

**We Listen**

Special Music for Communion by Albert Mendoza & Murray Middleman

**We Give Thanks:** We affirm the goodness of life and the openness of the future because our God is a God of life and love. As God comes to us in this act of communion, so let us go out to others in acts which bring healing, reconciliation and hope to our world. Amen.

**A TIME TO GIVE**

Holly Ann Burns

**A TIME TO ACT**

Donald Shenk

**A TIME TO DEDICATE OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

Faith Van Horsen

Thank you, O God, for this offering your people have brought to your altar. Thank you for your countless blessings. Receive this money that has been given to support the ministries of this congregation and the United Church of Christ. May it be used as a blessing throughout your world as we dedicate ourselves and our gifts to you. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” (#173)**

Congregation

*Verses 1 and 2 in English*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Cribbs

**\*CHANGING OF THE LIGHT**

Faith Van Horsen & Holly Ann Burns

**\*GOING FORTH**

Instrumentalists

Everyone is welcome next door for the Social Time.

Thanks to Jacqueline Benton and Shirley Kay for providing our treats today!

**We express a warm welcome to all who are here today!**

**This Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination dedicated to spiritual growth, faith with action and social transformation. If you’re visiting today, please stop by our Visitor’s Center in the Entryway to sign our Guest Book, fill out a visitor card (with nametag so we can greet you by name) and receive information about everything happening here.**

**ELIZABETH ROSE CAMERON FOOD FIRST EVERY SUNDAY**

is a giving opportunity available to support families and individuals who are hungry and need help. Remember to bring canned, non-perishable foods to church every Sunday along with your extra

change and place them in the basket and glass teddy bear in the Narthex.

*Please note: In an effort to control the spread of any germs we invite you to utilize the hand sanitizer provided for you at the Nametag table. Thanks to our members who have provided this opportunity.*



**What would it take for you to give up everything you have and start over from scratch? Or, would you stop what you are doing and begin a new life in the service of God? Can you just walk away and do**

**something new?**

Every day we have an opportunity to stop and start over. Sometimes extreme circumstances compel us to make incredible changes. Fires, disasters, job loss, and a number of other possible events can redefine our life. There are scores of stories in the daily news about people who have lost everything they possess. They are forced to start fresh.

We have the option to make decisions about our lives without experiencing catastrophes.

Have you ever experienced the power of the Holy Spirit? Has God touched you in a deep, personal way that left you amazed and bewildered? Do you know what it means to submit your life to God? Have you done it? Do you want to? Can you do it?

In Porgy and Bess, the Broadway opera of 1935 written by George and Ira Gershwin, the lead male character Porgy sings about having nothing to lose:

**“Oh, I got plenty o' nuttin', an' nuttin's plenty fo' me.  
I got no car, got no mule, I got no misery.”**

Porgy continues his song describing the traps of wealth:

**“De folks wid plenty o' plenty got a lock on dey door.  
'Fraid somebody's agoin' to rob `em while dey's out a-makin' more.  
What's for?”**

The fictional character sings about his life on “Catfish Row” where dock workers toiled under the blistering South Carolina sun without much hope for change. But, as he reflects on his lot, Porgy realizes he is free of misery while people of means are burdened with fear; afraid somebody is going to steal what they have.

It is quite fitting to acknowledge the visionary genius of the Gershwin brothers as they brought an African American cast to the New York stage at a time when Black Folk did not have many such opportunities.

In celebration of African American History Month, we remember “Porgy and Bess” features a story and music about Black life in the 1920's. Based on a novel, Porgy, written by Dubose Heyward and a play by the same name co-authored by his wife, Dorothy Heyward, the Gershwin's Porgy and Bess provided a glimpse into a social structure that formed community and inspired love and hope amid struggle and tragedy.

People who handle fish are also involved in the early ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. He started his band of disciples with Simon Peter and two brothers, James and John, all skilled fishermen who dropped their nets, left their boats, and walked into a new life as followers of Jesus. They gave up everything for Christ.

Would you do that? Can you leave everything behind and enter the ministry? What would it take?

-Pastor Art Cribbs

## **What's Happening...**

**TODAY:** **The Theatre Advisory Board** will meet in the Green Room following today's worship service.

- **TUES.** 7pm – **SOUL FOOD** will meet in the Green Room downstairs.
- **THURS.** 7pm – **THE UNITED VOICES** will rehearse in the sanctuary.
- **SAT.** 10am-2pm – **YOUTH baking fest!** Youth will meet in the church kitchen for some baking (and maybe even some eating)! Our homemade Valentine treats will be for social time on Sunday and also for some members of our church who cannot make it to church regularly. We will deliver our gifts on either Saturday or Sunday. If you want to order a pizza from Tony's for lunch, please bring \$3 or \$4 with you.

**Next Sunday:** **Happy Valentine's Day!**

**Feb. 27** – The Spirit and the Screen presents **The Secret of Roan Innish** in our theatre at 7pm.

**Feb. 28** – Joint worship service with **Refiner's Fire** congregation.