



For Sake of Life
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022

NEW COVENANT
United Methodist Church
Sunnyvale, Texas

Prelude		Cathy Wheeler
Welcome		Rev. Dana Norton
Call to Worship	For Sake of Life, vs. 1&2	Rev. Norton
Responsive Call		Rev. Norton
**Invitation to the Holy Spirit	Surely the Presence	
**Invocation		Rev. Norton
**Opening Hymn	#2140 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart	
Affirmation of Faith		
Gloria Patri		
Prayer of Illumination		Rev. Norton
Scriptures	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Luke 4: 21-30	Tom Hopkins
Special Music	Living Spirit, Holy Fire <i>arr. Ruth Duck/ Lori True</i>	Cathy Wheeler, Sarah Reed Robert Amponsah
**Scripture	1 Corinthians 13: 1-13	Rev. Norton
Sermon	“We Will Speak Out”	Rev. Norton
Litany at the end of the Sermon		
Prayer Song	For Sake of Life Vs. 3	
Prayers of the People	<i>With a time for prayer concerns</i>	Rev. Norton
Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Song	For Sake of Life Vs. 4	
Offertory		Rev. Norton
**Closing Hymn	#593 Here I am, Lord	
**Benediction		Rev. Norton
Response	#2223 They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love vs. 2	
Postlude		Cathy Wheeler

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** Signifies times when we invite you to stand as the Holy Spirit leads you	

Birthdays This Week

Name	Date	Name	Date
Barbara Anderson	February 5		

Call to Worship – For Sake of Life v. 1-2

1. For sake of life, the face of truth will brighten.
For sake of life, the seeds of hope will root.
For sake of life, the way of peace will lighten
for those who dare to walk for sake of life.

2. For sake of life, the fields are being seeded.
For sake of life, there’s still growth in the earth.
For sake of life, we’ll share with all that need it
the bread from common soil for sake of life.

Responsive Call

Offer God your worship and your praise.

Before God formed us in our mothers’ wombs, God knew and loved us.

Offer Christ your love and your devotion.

Before we drew our first breath, Christ consecrated us as his own.

Offer the Spirit your gratitude and your thanksgiving.

Before we heard the call to heal the world, the Spirit sustained our every heartbeat.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We will offer God our worship and our praise.

Invitation to the Holy Spirit:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

#2140: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

1. What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since Jesus came into my heart! (chorus)

2. I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray, since Jesus came into my heart! And my sins, which were many, are all washed away, since Jesus came into my heart! (chorus)

3 I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart! (chorus)

4 There's a light in the valley of death now for me since Jesus came into my heart! And the gates of the City beyond I can see, since Jesus came into my heart! (chorus)

5. I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know, since Jesus came into my heart! And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart! (chorus)

CHORUS

**Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.**

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at

(Affirmation of Faith, continued)

the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Responsive Reading after the Sermon:

You asked for my hands that you could use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment and the withdrew for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them for I did not want to know.

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

I gave you a fractional part that I might not get involved.

**God, forgive us for calculated efforts to serve you only
when it is convenient to do so, only in places where it is safe to do so.**

Creator God, forgive us, renew us,

and send us out as a usable instrument,

that we may take seriously the meaning of Your Cross.

Prayer Song: For Sake of Life v. 3 -4

For sake of life, a righteous wrath needs power.

For sake of life, let streams of justice roll.

**For sake of life, the springs of joy will mother
the newborn child of hope for sake of life.**

For sake of life, our God became an infant.

For sake of life, he lived and died for all.

**For sake of life, the time of God is constant;
the kingdom is at hand for sake of life.**

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
kingdom come, will be done, earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses, we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

Amen.

#593: Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the starts of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

(Here I Am Lord, continued)

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

#2223: They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

**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 may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**