



For Sake of Life
1st Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 2022

NEW COVENANT
 United Methodist Church
 Sunnyvale, Texas

Prelude		John Elfers
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	#2236 Gather Us In	
Affirmation of Faith		Rev. Norton
**Gloria Patri		
Prayer of Illumination		Rev. Norton
Scriptures	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4: 14-21	Jeff Browning
Special Music	Piano Solo	John Elfers
**Scripture	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Rev. Norton
Sermon	“We Will Walk Together”	Rev. Norton
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	#2220 We Are God’s People	
**Benediction		Rev. Norton
Response	#2223 They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love vs. 1	
Postlude		John Elfers

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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
Samantha Safle	January 23	Victoria Pierce	January 25
James McTigue	January 29		

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

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

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.

#2236: Gather Us In

**1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in
this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now,
and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

(Lily of the Valley, con't)

**3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here will the take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us
well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all
peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

#70 Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen. Amen.

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.**

#2220: We Are God'

- 1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the Word. Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand, O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**
- 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God outpoured. Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given; O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.**
- 3. We are the body of which Christ the Lord the Head, called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead. God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one; O let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's work on earth be done.**
- 4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace. We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire; yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.**

#2223: They'll Know We Are 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 by our love, by our love:
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**