

Online Gathering for Worship  
Junction City United Methodist Church  
January 10, 2021

Epiphany 1: "Rebinding What is Broken"

**Opening**

**Prelude** "Great is the Lord" - Michael W. Smith

**Epiphany Welcome**

**Opening Song** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" JCUMC Virtual  
Choir

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 147:1-6**

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted,  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*May God’s Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we sing and hear, and the message shared this day.*

Song “God of Wonders” - Mac Powell, Cliff and Danielle Young

Sermon “Rebinding What is Broken” - Pastor Craig

Song “Gather Us In” - Marty Haugen

**Prayers for Our World and One Another**

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord’s Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

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Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

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Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

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Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

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Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

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Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

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Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

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Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

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Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

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Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

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These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

**Prayer Response** “My Life Is In You, Lord” – Afrikaanse Christen Kerk, NZ

**Benediction** “A Blessing for a New World”

The Lord arise as Light within you,  
The Path of Jesus stretch out before you,  
The breath of the Spirit renew you.  
May justice be at the forefront of your thoughts,  
May mercy and kindness be each step you take,  
And may love flow as blood in your veins.  
Be to the world the Good News they long to see,  
The balm of healing for the pain they feel,  
And the wisdom that melts away the dross of the foolhardiness that  
grips our world so callously.

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Be the change the world desires to see. Amen (CSPS)

**Closing Song** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" - Golden Ears United  
Church, CA

**Invitation and Introduction to Reboot! JP21 Via Vida**

**Closing Credits**