FALCON HEIGHTS CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcomes you to Worship

As seekers and servants growing in God's transforming love, we will speak the truth in love, celebrate each other's gifts and perspectives, and choose the good of the whole church over our individual preferences and comforts.

10:30 a.m. **2nd Sunday after Epiphany/Martin Luther King Jr.** January 17, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC "From Heaven Above" arr. Raymond Haan
Karen Johnson, organ

WELCOME AND OPENING VERSE

LET US SING! "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska

PRAYING TOGETHER *(All)*
Spirit of love and life, be with us in these moments as we gather for worship. May we remember to listen to your still speaking voice and to reflect on the ways we see you moving in and through us. Help us be present with one another, to show up with authenticity for all those in our community as we work to find the lost, to mend what is broken, to offer a word of healing where there is pain and trouble, to speak a word of hope and peace to a world in desperate need. In your name we pray, Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Carly Gaeth, Intern

READING 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Lee Barry

MESSAGE *Listening Beyond Our Fear* Rev. Rick King

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND JESUS' PRAYER (All)
Our Father-Mother, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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OFFERTORY "Here I Am" Carly Gaeth

PRAYER *(All)*
God, we have acknowledged our weaknesses and our failed attempts at creating a just world for all, even with the best of intentions. We are ever cognizant of our limitations, but continue to dream the impossible because of our faith in your power. And so, we dedicate our lives to changing the "normalcy" that continues to plague our communities and society. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that recognizes the dignity and worth of all of God's children. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that allows judgment to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy of brotherhood [and sisterhood], the normalcy of true peace, the normalcy of justice. Amen.

SENDING FORTH *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*