

***Fifth Sunday after the
Epiphany***

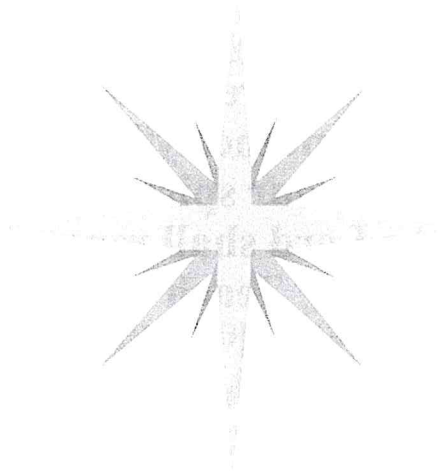
February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

Reflection for Worship Today

God's compassion is a central tenet of today's readings. There is always more, and an abundance of resources, when the people of God decide to pool together to partner with God in building the kin-dom.

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Prelude in C"

arr. Phillip Keveren
J. S. Bach

Welcome

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

One: People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

ALL: We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.

One: Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

ALL: The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

One: When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

ALL: God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.

One: So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1, 3 UMH 57

*Opening Prayer

O God, we are gathered here under the shelter of Your wings, nurtured by Your motherly love, and encouraged, then, to fly by faith on the wind of Your spirit. You have spoken to us, saying, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles." Teach us how to wait, then, that we may learn how to fly. May this nest we call "family" be built with sturdy materials. Don't let us forget, though, that this nest was not created as a fortress behind which to hide, but as a perch from which to take off. And strengthen us with the assurance that we do not fly alone. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Handbell Anthem "He is Exalted"

arr. by Becky Perreault

Scripture Reading Focus Text: Mark 1:29-39 CEB

Response

One: The Word of God for ALL of us - God's people.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Waiting On"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Response Chorus "On Eagle's Wings"

UMH 143

Pastoral Prayer

*Invitation to Giving Action

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

*Doxology

tune of OLD HUNDREDTH, LM

**Praise Love who made all time and space.
Praise Love who came in truth and grace.
Praise Love on humankind outpoured,
that ALL may love forevermore.**

*Blessing Prayer

God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on Your presence and to be filled with Your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that You are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to You, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. Let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, having received this rejuvenating gift we now prepare to be about our call to live, love and serve You and our neighbor. You bless us with healing and a renewed wholeness as we strive to be Your people. Thank You for sustaining us in this way, and always, through Your son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Responsive Sending Forth

One: Go now to wait on God.

ALL: We go to pay attention to all God is doing around us, and to serve as the Spirit guides us.

One: And may the peace of Christ bless you and keep you wherever you may go.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” vs. 1, 2

UMH 569

*Postlude “How Majestic is Your Name”

from FWS 2023

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

Tech: **Joe Whyms, Dave Smith, Izzy Veit, Wendi Haubert**

Light Bearer: **Kathy Depies**

Worship leaders: **Amy/Sophia Veit, Debbie Huyck, Sue Albers, Pat Mehring, Chuck Garrigues, Tony Suminski, Ken Miller, Mary Schulz, Wendi Haubert**

Musicians: **Sue Broker, Sue Schulkers, Dave Smith (midi)**

Coffee host: **Don Mains**

Worship team: **Linda Suminski, Kathy Depies**

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