

# CHRIST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**February 9, 2025**

10:30am Worship Service

### THE GATHERING

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT**

*Celebrate Love*

TFWS 2073 v. 2

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**People: Jesus calls us to worship.**

Leader: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

**People: Call us into Your way of life, O God**

Leader: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

**People: Lead us into Your vision of life, O God**

Leader: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

**People: Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God**

Leader: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God

**People: Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God. Let us worship You together.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

UMH 398

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION<sup>2</sup>**

**Your wisdom, Holy Mystery, is as unfathomable as the deep, as alluring as the night sky. When all seems lost, call us from the wreckage of our lives. Grant us the ability and the will to hear your call and bless us with the grace to embrace your promised salvation. Help us face our fears, that we might remain sure-footed on our journey of faith. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Call to worship from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/01/call-to-worship-jesus-calls-us.html> and <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/06/litany-call-us-lead-us-guide-us.html>

<sup>2</sup> Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 35). (Function). Kindle Edition. Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

## Pray for the People

P. Choplin

Ruth Ann Cunningham, soloist

## CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Isaiah 6:1-8

Pew Bible 553

\*Luke 5:1-11

Pew Bible 836

**God is still speaking. And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory Be to the Father*

UMH 71

# SERMON

## Saying “Yes” in the Middle of the Mess

Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

## *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

TFWS 2129

## CALL TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER<sup>3</sup>**

**Loving God, Deliverer of compassion, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands. With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty. Forever shall we sing of your generous ways, Holy One. Amen.**

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me;

**People: you increased my strength of soul.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

## PRAYER RESPONSE

## Make Us One

TFWS 2224

## \*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

## *Stand By Me*

UMH 512

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

TFWS 2237 v. 2

## \*POSTLUDE

<sup>3</sup> Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 (p. 37). (Function). Kindle Edition.

# CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

- SUN (02/09):** Sunday School, 9:00am  
Worship, 10:30am  
**Finance, 11:45a/Emma Lang Lounge**
- TUE (02/11):** Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
- SAT (02/15):** **Messenger Articles Due**
- SUN (02/16):** Sunday School, 9:00am  
Worship, 10:30am  
**Church Council, 11:45a/Emma Lang Lounge**

## *We Are All God's Children*

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*\* denotes member*

<i>*Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lindsey Parker</i>
<i>*Monta Demchak</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Gail</i>	<i>Lynn Parker</i>
<i>*Dave Dickman</i>	<i>Chris M.</i>	<i>Geof Funk</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>*Cindy Light</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>J &amp; J</i>	<i>Mary Ellen</i>
<i>*John Motley</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Mary W.H.</i>
<i>*Peter Oesterreich</i>	<i>Daryana</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Max</i>
<i>*Janis Pongallo</i>	<i>David R.</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>MJ</i>
<i>*DeeDee Rencehausen</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Rosie</i>
<i>*Nadene &amp; Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Joshua C.</i>	<i>Roy Buser</i>
<i>*Joan Thorkelson</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Seth Buser</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Sheri G.</i>
<i>Al Tobey</i>	<i>Doug Emery</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ted Nyland</i>
<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>	<i>Erik T.</i>	<i>Lindsey Elswick</i>	<i>Viola</i>

## THANK YOU

The family of Ray Hayes would like to express our appreciation for all of your prayers, love, and concern after his recent passing. Thank you to those who helped with the service and the meal.

-Debbie Hayes

# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH –**

## **A Review of Prominent Black Theologians – Week Two**

### **The Rev. Dr. James H. Cone**

The Rev. Dr. James H. Cone, often hailed as the father of Black Liberation Theology, has left an indelible mark on both the academic world and the faith community. His profound influence extends deeply into the United Methodist Church.

Born in 1938 in Fordyce, Arkansas, Dr. Cone grew up in a devout family who were members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. His early exposure to the church's teachings on justice and equality shaped his understanding of faith as a powerful tool for social change.

Dr. Cone's groundbreaking work, "Black Theology & Black Power," published in 1969, established a new framework for understanding the intersection of faith and racial justice. In this work, he asserted that Christianity must address the systemic injustices faced by Black Americans. His theology emphasized that God's presence is found with the marginalized and that the church must actively participate in the struggle for liberation.

Cone's work continues to be influential and has been both used and critiqued inside and outside the African-American theological community. He was the Charles Augustus Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Columbia University-affiliated Union Theological Seminary until his death.

The legacy of the Rev. Dr. James Cone continues to inspire the United Methodist Church and the broader Christian community. His unwavering dedication to justice, equality, and faith serves as a guiding light for those committed to living out the gospel's call to love and liberate.

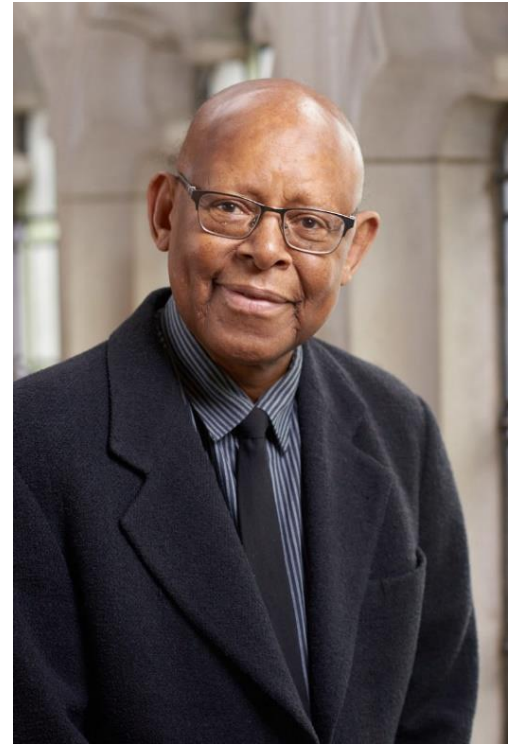
Some of Cone's published works include:

Black Theology and Black Power (1969)

A Black Theology of Liberation (1970)

God of the Oppressed (1975)

The Cross and the Lynching Tree (2011)



# BELL CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello bells: a little change in plans. We will resume sometime in March. Stay tuned.

-Roy

## STAR WORDS

Last month in worship we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **How does your word challenge you to trust God more deeply?**

## SERMON NOTES

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION<sup>4</sup>

Sometimes we are afraid to tell others about our experiences of the holy and about God's call in our lives, because we don't want to annoy or oppress others. There is a difference between witnessing through indoctrination and witnessing through acts of compassion. How do you witness to others about your faith? The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything; what quality or characteristic in Peter might have helped him "give it another try" when Jesus invited him to cast his net again? What quality or characteristic within you helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

### HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

God, I give you thanks this morning  
as I watch the beauty of the newborn light,  
listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature,  
and ponder the miracle of my own breathing  
and your presence in it all.  
Holy, Holy, Holy!  
Increase my strength of soul today.  
And whenever I see a need,  
help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

### HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.  
Like the fisher folk who became disciples,  
I have put in a day of work.  
As evening comes, it is time to rest.  
If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say,  
"I am not worthy of your presence, God,"  
reassure me with the calming words of Jesus,  
"Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.

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<sup>4</sup> These questions for reflection and prayers are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion. Copyright 2012.



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## GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

**GOAL:** Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

**FOCUS:** To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

### STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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## *Christ UMC Welcomes All*

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***Ask an usher if you would like a LARGE PRINT HYMNAL,  
Braille hymnal or hearing device.***