

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday After Epiphany

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

January 19, 2025

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil Jennings

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

R. Lowry/A. Hawks

Ruth Ann Cunningham, pianist

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98 v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 36)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens

People: your faithfulness to the clouds

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains

People: your judgements are like the great deep

Leader: You save humans and animals alike O God

People: How precious is your steadfast love!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

PRAYER OF INVOCATION¹

God, our God, As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is gone; it is stale; it is old. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Will the Circle/This Little Light

F. Addicott

¹ Written by Bryan K. Fleet, in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 200), 124.

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 62:1-5

Pew Bible 604

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Pew Bible 933

*John 2:1-11

Pew Bible 863

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 71

SERMON

More Than We Asked For

Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION

How Can I Keep From Singing?

TFWS 2212

CALL TO THE OFFERING²

OFFERTORY

To God Be the Glory

A. Crouch

Ruth Ann Cunningham, pianist

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

At the wedding feast at Cana, you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

TFWS 2200

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Are Singing For the Lord is Our Light

TFWS 2235

*POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

W.F. Smith

Ruth Ann Cunningham, pianist

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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

- SUN (01/19):** Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:30am
Nurture and Care Team Meeting, 11:45am/Emma Lang Lounge
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service, 3:45pm/Garfield
Memorial UMC (3650 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, OH)
- TUE (01/21):** Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
- SAT (01/25):** **Community Meal, 5:00pm/Jump Fellowship Hall**
- SUN (01/26):** Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:30am

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL SERVICE

The East and West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church are coming together to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a joint worship service this afternoon, January 19, 2025, at Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike. Themed “Living the Dream: Bold Faith, Hopeful Future,” the event hosted by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will focus on building Dr. King’s vision of a beloved community rooted in justice, love, and hope.

The service, scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., will open with gathering music at 3:45 p.m. and feature retired Bishop Julius C. Trimble, General Secretary of the General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church as the keynote speaker. Known for his commitment to justice and reconciliation, Bishop Trimble will offer a message of inspiration and challenge. I hope you will attend!

A REQUEST FROM THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)

Join us in prayer for the people of Southern California, who are currently being impacted by multiple fires in Los Angeles County.

To support this and other U.S. disaster response and recovery efforts, donate here: <https://bit.ly/umcorusdr>. Every dollar you give goes to support those in need. You may also give through Christ UMC, marking your donation "California Fires UMCOR"

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

<i>*Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Gail</i>	<i>Lynn Parker</i>
<i>*Monta Demchak</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Geof Funk</i>	<i>Mary</i>
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<i>*Janis Pongallo</i>	<i>David R.</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>MJ</i>
<i>*DeeDee Rencehausen</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>Joshua C.</i>	<i>Rosie</i>
<i>*Nadene & Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Roy Buser</i>
<i>*Joan Thorkelson</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Seth Buser</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sheri G.</i>
<i>Al Tobey</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	<i>Ted Nyland</i>
<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Erik T.</i>	<i>Lindsey Elswick</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lindsey Parker</i>	<i>Viola</i>
<i>James Hyde-Stepanski</i>			

STAR WORDS

Earlier this 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: **Are there Scripture passages or themes that come to mind as you explore your word? What are they?**

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to Ian Eagan for jumping in at the last minute to add percussive sound to last Sunday's anthem "Praise God With Cymbals!"

NURTURE AND CARE TEAM MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Nurture and Care Team after worship today in the Emma Lang Lounge. A light lunch will be provided. All who wish to join are welcome to attend.

SERMON NOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION³

The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good. To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as, When do I feel most alive? What do I love to do? What things, tasks, or actions fill me with a sense of purpose? What am I doing when time seems to stand still? These questions help us discern the Spirit's movement in our lives.

Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness. When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is birthed. How or where is God calling you?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Enlivening God,
each morning I am awakened by your goodness
nudging the earth to life.
I am filled with wonder.
Your steadfast love extends to the sky,
your constancy reaches to the clouds.
How precious is your steadfast love!
It shines like the dawn,
and dews the desolation of my soul.
Manifest in me the gifts of your Spirit
that I may rejoice in you
as I delight in serving your world this day. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

As evening falls and darkness shutters the day,
do not forsake us, O God.
Crown the sky with jewels of light
that your salvation may burnish the heavens
and illumine the earth,
and all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.

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