

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

OFFERING

God has been with us throughout our history.

God is with us now.

And God will be with us in the future.

**Let us now return some of the gifts that we have been given,
that God's work might continue to be done here in the weeks
and months and years to come.**

* **RESPONSE** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you are the Source of our lives. From you, all loving kindness,
justice and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness,
justice and mercy may flow through them, too. And bless our lives
so our words and actions show your Spirit at work in us and through
us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior. Amen**

***HYMN** "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" 852

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" (chorus only)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power, and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*POSTLUDE



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***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
February 16, 2025
6th Sunday after Epiphany

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Let us make melody before our God!

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

One: A song of praise is always fitting,

All: For God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison) Liturgist

God of majesty and mystery,

we come in wonder and humility.

Source of all that is, you are beyond our imagining

astonishing us with the detail and designs within your creation.

Word of hope and healing,

you touch our lives with truth and tenderness,

revealing our need and our gift.

Spirit of purpose and possibility,

you move within us when we least expect it,
awakening our gifts, urging us to respond.
Receive our praise and prayer this day,
and prepare us to receive your Word in its wisdom and warning,
for we come to you through Christ our Lord,
trusting in his grace and truth.

***HYMN** “Blessed Be Your Name” insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of life and love,
at this season of the year our hearts are grateful
for all the love that touches our lives.
Still, we confess that we are not always shining examples of the
love we long for.
Forgive us for those times when we failed to keep our word
and disappointed those who love us.
Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations
and disappointed your hopes for us.
Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus,
your love made flesh.**

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The Gospel writer John writes that God is love, and that God’s perfect love casts out fear. We are promised that those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them. So claim your hope in this Good News: God’s perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

***RESPONSE** “Sing Out, My Soul” 646

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM “Blessed are They”

CHILDREN’S CHAT Pastor Kalyn

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING Liturgist

God, you are the source of wisdom and understanding for us.
In the midst of all that distracts us, help us listen in stillness.
In the midst of competing voices, may we hear your Word for our lives and our times. By your Spirit, help us discern Jesus’ call to follow him.

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 Liturgist

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 6:17-26

SERMON “Blessings and Uh-Ohs”

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** unison

We believe in God.
Who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness;
Who rolls away each stone of doubt;
Who surprises us with incredible gifts of family and friends,
silence and laughter;
Who raises us from sadness and despair to the possibilities
of blessing and joy.
We believe in Jesus, friend of the poor and searcher for the lost,
Who comes to us in our grief and longing,
calls us by name and sends us on the paths of peace
to speak of an awesome love that is not overcome by death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the hidden partner, the gentle messenger of God,
Who fills our every breath with blessing;
Who guides us in the dark, beckons us to do good,
speaks to us in dream and image,
and watches over us with tender compassion.
We believe in this church,
An instrument of God in this present moment,
striving for justice, celebrating in joy,
clawing at despair, living in hope,
praying for healing and forever proclaiming the
Good News of God’s persistent and redeeming love.

*** HYMN** “Give Thanks, O Christian People” 644

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Pastor: Gracious, loving and healing God bless this shawl that it may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation

All: Bless the one who receives this shawl. May he be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in God’s love, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yrs – 6th grade during worship following Children’s Chat

Adult Sunday School–9am to 9:45am

Sunday, February 16–Congregational Meeting following worship

Wednesday, February 19–Story Time 9:30 or 10:30 am

Monday, February 24–Youth Group @7-8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 25–Manna @5:30

The Worship Committee will be meeting to plan future worship events and schedules on Sunday, February 16 after church. We will also be setting up meeting dates for future Worship Committee meetings in 2025. We plan to meet in the library. Anyone who would like to help with this is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please see Chris Mathias.

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: William Barth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2027: Wendi Rybicki (2T), Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Matthias, Ken Jones

