

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 23, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pathway:

Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Daoust

ONE: Come and learn the ways of life.

ALL: We have come to follow Jesus.

ONE: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

ALL: We have come to follow Jesus.

ONE: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

ALL: We have come to follow Jesus.

ONE: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

ALL: We have come to follow Jesus. We have come to learn the ways of life.

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

LITURGICAL DANCE "Big God"
Maizen Hochstetler, Maren Bostic, Grace Stout,
Caroline Taylor

OFFERING TO GOD
DANCING FOR GOD Caroline Taylor
OFFERTORY Joyful Sound

"Good News"

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Caroline Taylor

ANTHEM Joyful Sound
"I Will Be A Child of Peace"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Susan Daoust

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN "God of Love and God of Power" #578

1. God of love and God of power,
2. grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
(Refrain)

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
(Refrain)

NEW TESTAMENT Susan Daoust

Colossians 3:1-4, 10-17 (NLT)

Romans 12:9-19 (MSG)

This is God's Word for God's people today.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Setting Worship Free Rev. Boruff

HYMN "Lord of the Dance" #261

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.
Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wher-ever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

3. I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die.
(Refrain)

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, nev-er die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Susan Finger
"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Susan Daoust & Caroline Taylor
Music: Joyful Sound
Dancers: Maizen Hochstetler, Maren Bostic,
Grace Stout & Caroline Taylor
Sound Tech: Mark Murray
Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** 59 guests were serve last Sunday. It was a **blessing to serve the community.**
- **200 ENVELOPES:** FAMILY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER **thru March 2** envelopes numbered 1-200 will be available in the narthex. People select an envelope with the amount of money they would like to donate and return the envelope filled with cash or a check. All of the money will go directly into a Family Ministry Fund.
- **2024 GIVING STATEMENTS** are available for pick up by the church office.
- **TIME CHANGE:** Remember to change your clocks! Sunday, **March 9.**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Begin the season of Lent with this service of humility and remembering on **March 5** at 7 p.m.
- **LENTEN STUDY:** "The Message of Jesus" begins on Wednesday, **March 12** at 6 p.m. in the North/South Parlor. ALL are welcome!
- **DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT:** "40 Days of Jesus Always: Joy in His Presence" by Sarah Young. These readings are written as if Jesus is speaking directly to you. Pick up your copy at the Ash Wednesday Service and begin to engage with God everyday! (Not enough submissions were received from the congregation to create a devotional.)

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Kathy Kean, Debbie Millikan, Dale Mendenhall

Greeters: Charlie and Miriam Jones

Fellowship Time: Tim and Nina Kline

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Pianist: Michele Murray

Finance: Gene Brueggen

Office Manager: Judy Whitney

Production Director: Matt Stout

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout

Security: Richard Falkenberg

Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy,

Mark Murray

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 2/23

9:00 am	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Confirmation Class	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
2:30 pm	Pike Bridal Shower		Davis Park
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown

Mon 2/24

5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Budget Benders	Conference Room	Downtown

Tues 2/25

9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
9:00 am	Insurance Review Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:15 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

Wed 2/26

3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary	Downtown

Thurs 2/27

9:00 am	PlainSong Concert Set-up	Sanctuary, Narthex	Downtown
6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown

Fri 2/28

9:00 am	Library Meeting	Library	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
7:00 pm	PlainSong Concert	Sanctuary, Narthex	Downtown

Sat 3/01

10:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
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Sun 3/02

11:15 am	Childcare Training	North/South parlor	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



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Pastor: Corinne Boruff
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation