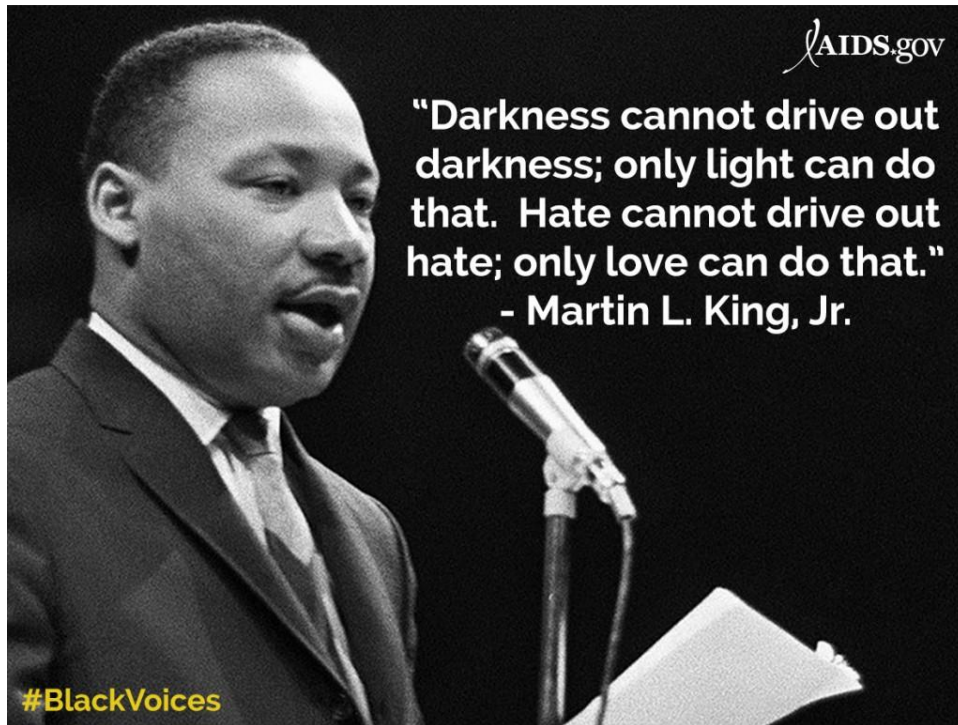


## Second Sunday after Epiphany



**January 19, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Please silence your cell phone.

***Welcome to Our Friends from Christ United Methodist Church***

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**            ***Christians, We Have Met to Worship***            arr. Mark Hayes  
*Piano duet*

**Welcome**



Please stand in body or spirit

## Hymn

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Loving One, over and over again in our sacred stories we hear your voice saying, "Fear not!" Yet we know fear leads us away from the compassion you dream for us to make real in our lives. Open us to look honestly at what gives fear so much power in our lives. May we give your Spirit freedom to help us heal, so we might transform our fears into a love that brings joy and justice to some corner of your beautiful creation. We pray in the name of the one we follow, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Psalm 72:1-4, 12-14



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Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
**that he may rule your | people righteously  
and the | poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.  
**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**  
For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.  
**He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.**  
From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood | in his sight.

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Luke 10:25-29 (New Living Translation)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

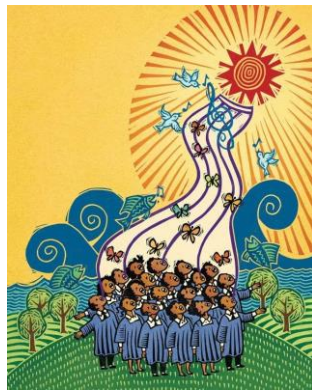
## Musical Reflection

### *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Allen Pote

*Redeemer Lutheran Church Choir*

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.  
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.  
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.  
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.  
O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways,  
We are walking to your throne.  
Help us learn to love each other,  
Show us ways to understand.  
We are members of one family,  
Growing strong by joining hands.  
O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways,  
We are walking to your throne.  
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul  
Into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord,  
Make us whole.



## Spoken Reflection

### *NO FEAR IN LOVE ... ?*

*Pastor F. Willis Johnson and Pastor Dave Shull*

Hymn

*Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet,  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

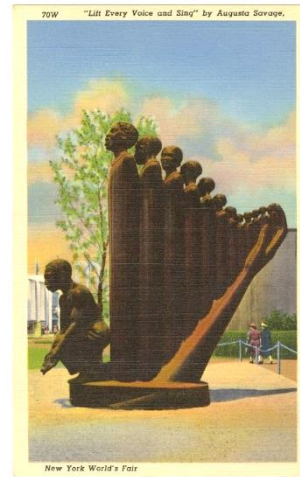
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 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954



## **Commitment to Keep the Dream of Love Alive**

*When he was in his late twenties, Carl Wendell Hines, Jr., wrote this poem soon after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was murdered. His painfully honest words remind us how easily Dr. King's dream of the beloved community can become a "dead man's dream." As those who follow Jesus, we commit ourselves to resist any who seek to convince us loving our neighbor as we love ourselves is optional. As followers of Jesus, we will keep the dream of love alive by making it real every day.*

***Now that he is safely dead,  
let us praise him,  
build monuments to his glory  
sing hosannas to his name.  
Dead men make  
such convenient heroes; they  
cannot rise  
to challenge the images  
we would fashion from their lives.  
And besides,  
it is easier to build monuments  
than to make a better world.  
So, now that he is safely dead  
we, with eased consciences,  
will teach our children  
that he was a great man...knowing  
that the cause for which he lived  
is still a cause  
and the dream for which he died  
is still a dream,  
a dead man's dream.***



## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

**Amen.**

*Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:*

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreiness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Klela Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Karen Kent, Ruth Boys, Eileene Welker, Kevin Bailey's sister Karla Weaver; Al Rider; Paula Carson's mother-in-law Tammy Carson

Christ UMC invites us to join them in prayers for: the family of Roxanna Rice, Sharon Allen, Larry and Dottie Byrd and family (bereavement), Tyler Crump, Ken and Edie Crump, Debra Cunningham, Ann Hughes, Angel Johnson & family, Leonard Joyner, Sharon McGowan, Molly Mayle, Stephen Ross, Keith Smith, Carol Thomas, Rion Robinson & family, Linda Wright & family, Mitchell Harper, Char Barnes, Carolyn Syx, Rev. Alyce Hardin-Cook (retirement), Rev. Calvin Alston

For the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Newark

For Redeemer community members Nancy and Kathie Ehrich

## Time with the Young People

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

*We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.*

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

*In body or spirit, please stand*

### Offertory

### You Are Holy

1\*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to remember that, in a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here: to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

### Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
 So do we.

*Please be seated*

*You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, ask Pastor.*

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

# Hymn

# Welcome Table

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

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# Hymn

## Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



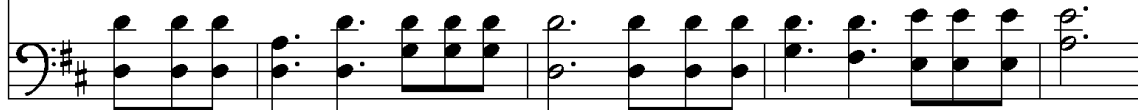
Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

**Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

## Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***Soon and Very Soon***

arr. John Carter  
*Piano duet*

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.



**TODAY**

**10:00 am Worship and Potluck**

Join us as we host a combined worship service with our neighbors at

***Christ United Methodist Church.***

Pastor Willis Johnson and Pastor Dave will offer a dialogue message.

Following worship, there will be a potluck where folks will be encouraged to talk about issues that Martin Luther King Jr. Day bring up.



**Birthdays this week:**

- 20 - David Detweiler
- 20 - Corinne Montgomery
- 20 - Tony Naess
- 21 - Elizabeth George
- 21 - Shirley Miller
- 22 - Maureen Callahan
- 22 - Shirley Cannon
- 24 - Sophie Brush
- 24 - Marshall Edgington
- 24 - Kathy Rapp
- 24 - Rosalie Highland



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**January 26**

**11:15 am**

**IN-PERSON only**

**Meal following**



*Tuesday Bible Study*  
*The stories of*  
*Elijah and Elisha*

*Tuesdays + 1:00pm*  
*No Class on January 21*

*In-Person and Zoom:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMjc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UlxjdA.1>

Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992

Passcode: 830218

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

## *Adult Ed*

**Sundays beginning February 2**

**11:15 a.m.**

### **How Churches Are Called to Respond to Sexual Violence**

Staci Stought, a seminary student and retired sexual assault police officer, will be offering a four week Bible study on how churches can be a beacon of healing and hope to the harm of sexual violence within our world. Her class goes beyond traditional boundary training to explore the transformative role of faith communities

**In-Person and Zoom:**

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Christ United Methodist Pastor</b>	Rev. F. Willis Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Christ United Methodist ASL Coordinator</b>	Gail Dixon
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Christ United Methodist Music Minister</b>	Dwayne Zimmerman
<b>Usher</b>	Ashley Bird
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Kay Ernsthausen, Cathy Oldham
<b>Producers</b>	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
<b>Hospitality</b>	Judith & Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Judith & Ashley Bird** in memory of **Oscar Tieman**.  
Noisy Offering will go to B.R.E.A.D.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 19 – 26

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion, shared with Christ United Methodist Church
	11:15 am	Potluck and Conversation
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	<b>Annual Meeting</b> followed by Potluck Meal

On **Tuesday, Jan 21**, and **Wednesday, Jan. 22**, Dave Shull will be attending the Rostered Minister meeting in Columbus and will only be at the church those days for the Congregation Council meeting.  
There will be **no Bible study** on Jan 21.

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