

Third Sunday after Epiphany



Carlos, teaching us what *wonder* looks like
(Nuevo San José, Guatemala, April 2006)

January 26, 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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude

I Love To Tell The Story

arr Lloyd Larson

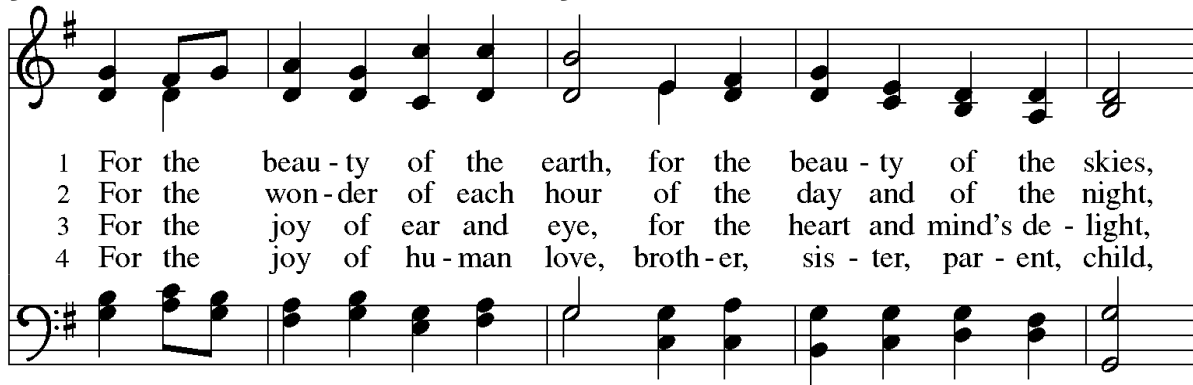
Welcome



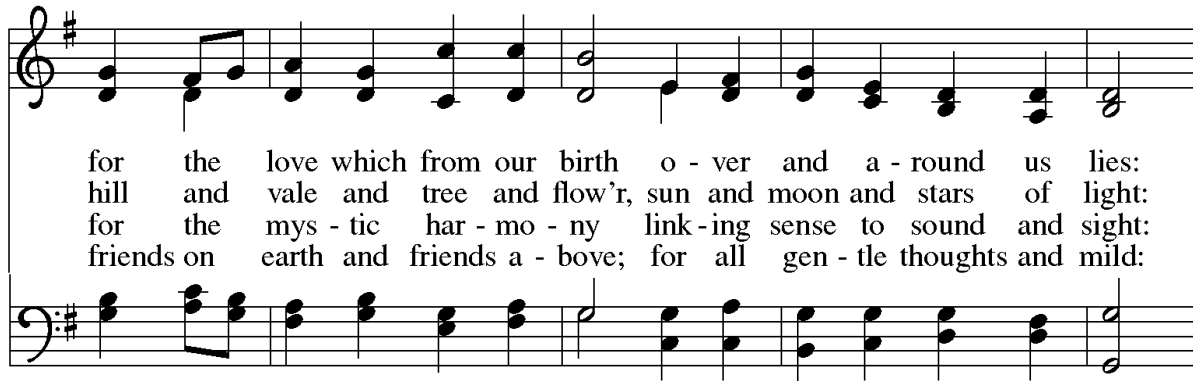
Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

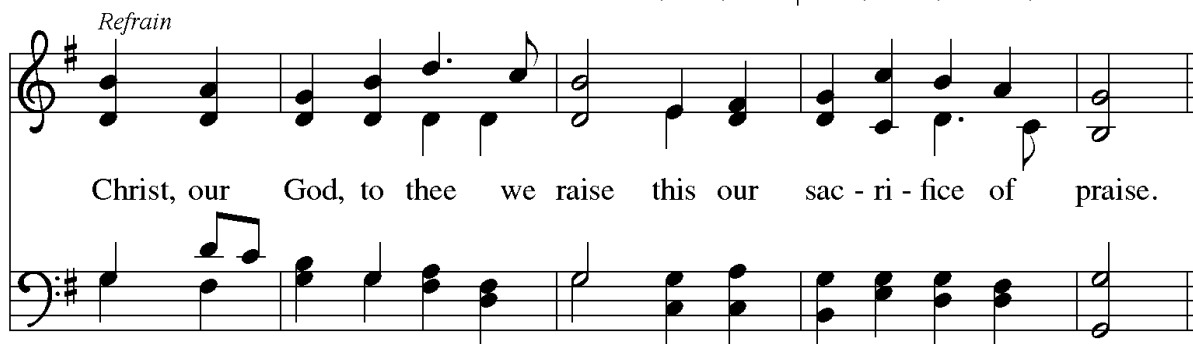


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

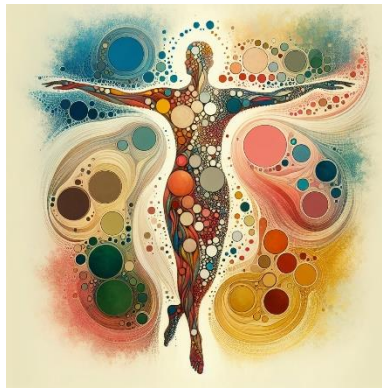
Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
To refrain
all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, your Spirit moves through us to help us see that we are all equally important members of Christ's body, the church, and to give us the will to put our love for creation into action. Open us to make a home for your Spirit, so that we may follow with joy and wonder in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

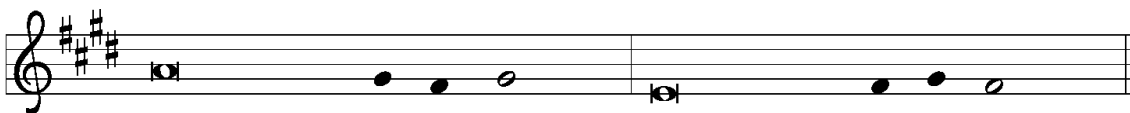
Reading **I Corinthians 12:12-18** (The Message, inclusivized)
A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the early church at Corinth

Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, transparent and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where God wanted it.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 19



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The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends | of the world,**

where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of | it again;**

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,**

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

Repeat optional

Gospel **Luke 4:14-21** (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

[After his time of temptation in the wilderness,] Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

He came to Nazareth where he had been raised. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

God's Spirit is on me;
the Spirit has chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,
sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set the burdened and battered free,
to announce, "This is God's time to shine!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

A FAITH HELD TOGETHER BY WONDER

Practicing wonder is a powerful tool against despair. It works nearly the same muscles as hope, in that you find yourself believing in goodness and beauty even when the evidence gives you every reason to believe that goodness and beauty are void. Wonder ... is a force of liberation. It makes sense of what our souls inherently know we were meant for Me? I meet God in the taste of my grandma's chicken. I hear God in the raspy leather of Nina Simone's voice. I see the face of God in the bony teenager bagging my groceries. And why shouldn't I? My faith is held together by wonder – by every defiant commitment to presence and paying attention.

(Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us*, Penguin Random House, 2022, pp. 37-41)

Musical Reflection

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Jay Althouse
Senior Choir

O that I had a thousand voices;
and with a thousand tongues could tell
of Him in whom the earth rejoices,
who all things wisely does and well.

O that the people of all nations
to God a thousand hymns could sing;
and drink the cup of God's salvation
in peace to every living thing.

God of the wind and waters,
and of the stars and sky,
Creator of the earth and heavens,
praise the Lord most high.

Repeat first verse

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 Hegreness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleeta 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

For the people of Hope Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Joanie and Dave Engel

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 musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's part is on the first, third, and fifth staves. The Congregation's part is on the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

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.

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, 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 **One Bread, One Body**

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Hymn

Taste and See

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered

me; from all my trou-les I was set free. *Refrain*

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for
noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is
good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with 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

Spirit of Gentleness


Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.


- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

Wade in the Water

arr Mark Hayes

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



Tuesday Bible Study
The stories of
Elijah and Elisha

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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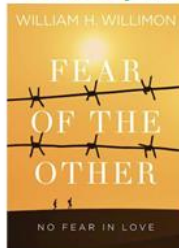


Journaling
Workshop
7:00 pm
January 28
In-Person - Outer
Pastor's Office



Wednesdays, Jan 29 – Feb 19

6:30-8 pm



***FEAR OF THE OTHER:
NO FEAR IN LOVE***

by *William H. Willimon*

Copies are available in public libraries.

AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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and ZOOM

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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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Sunday

February 9

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as you support LSS Food Pantry*

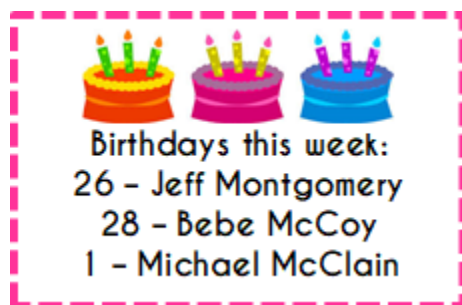
OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kay Ernsthausen, Cathy Oldham
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Hospitality	Potluck

Flowers are given by **Kathleen Zwanziger** in honor of **Jamie's birthday**.
Noisy Offering will go to B.R.E.A.D.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 26- FEBRUARY 2

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON ONLY <i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i> and Potluck
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	6:30 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Book Discussion at Christ United Methodist Church
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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