

## Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Trust is falling knowing someone will catch you

**February 23, 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

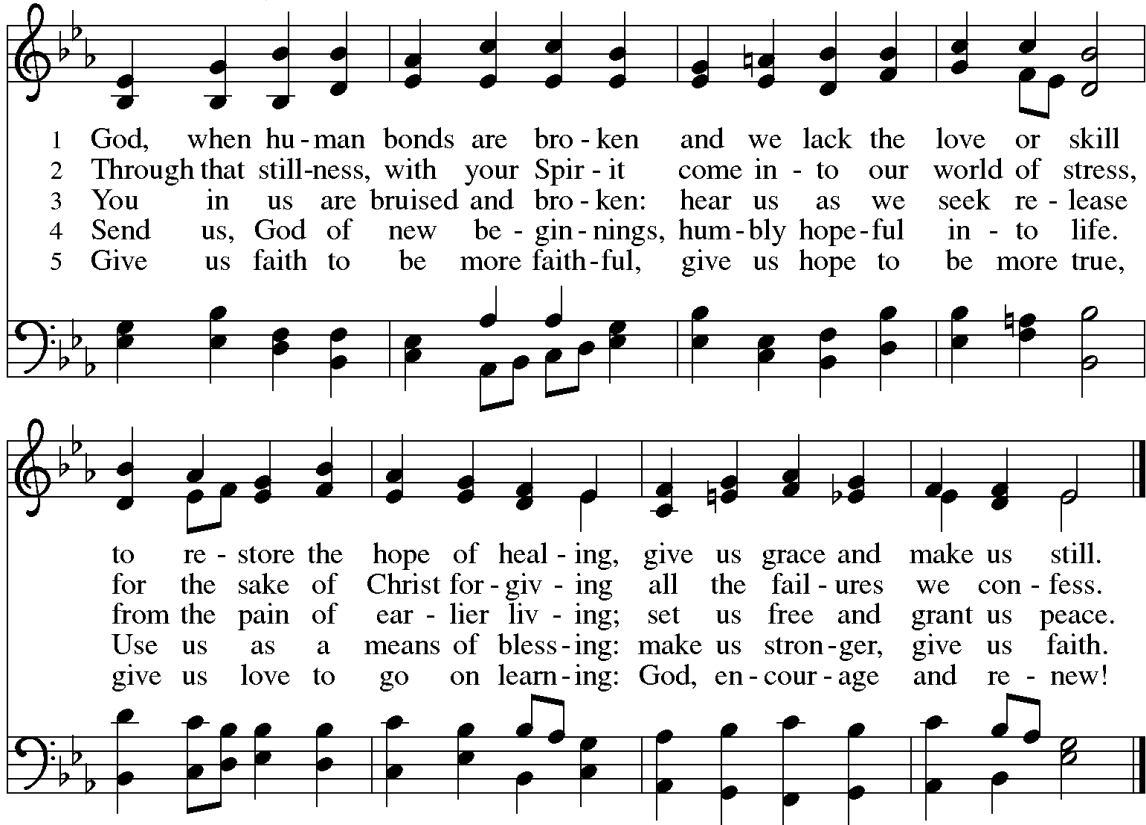
*Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**      *Have Thine Own Way, Lord with "Finlandia"*  
arr. James M. Stevens

## **Welcome**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## **Hymn**      **God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill  
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,  
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease  
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.  
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.  
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
Use us as a means of bless - ing; make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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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

*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**

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*



## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

**Reading**                      **Genesis 45:3-11, 14-15** (The Message, inclusivized)  
A reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph spoke to his brothers: “I am Joseph. Is my father really still alive?”

But his brothers couldn’t say a word. They were speechless—they couldn’t believe what they were hearing and seeing.

“Come closer to me,” Joseph said to his brothers. They came closer. “I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But don’t feel badly, don’t blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives. There has been a famine in the land now for two years; the famine will continue for five more years—neither plowing nor harvesting. God sent me on ahead to pave the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance. So you see, it wasn’t you who sent me here but God. God set me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs, and made me ruler of all Egypt.

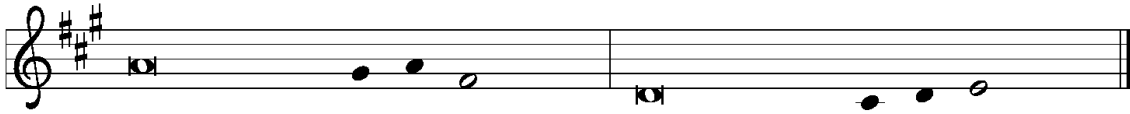
“Hurry back to my father. Tell him, ‘Your son Joseph says: I’m master of all of Egypt. Come as fast as you can and join me here. I’ll give you a place to live in Goshen where you’ll be close to me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and anything else you can think of. I’ll take care of you there completely. There are still five more years of famine ahead; I’ll make sure all your needs are taken care of, you and everyone connected with you—you won’t want for a thing.’

Then Joseph threw himself on his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. He then kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Only then were his brothers able to talk with him.

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



## Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



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Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

**Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the Lord,  
and see what | God will do.

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light  
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
in | evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

**In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**

But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in  
you | they seek refuge.

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 6:27-38 (New Living Translation, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus continued his sermon, saying,] “To you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don’t try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

“If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

“Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, who is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. You must be compassionate, just as your Abba is compassionate.

“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **Spoken Reflection**

***SHADOWS OF TRUST IN A JUDGMENTAL WORLD***

*Joss Dana and Rich Pautsch*

## **Musical Reflection**

***Singing prayers***

Scott Steiner

You never mentioned  
the pain of good-bye.  
You were a wonderful.... Hello  
Everyday was so bright  
I just expected you to be with me forever ... I never expected you to go into  
the cold cold night

It's hard to see the flowers  
when you only feel rain  
You only want to see melting snow  
Because winter can make you insane  
It would be heaven again... if I remember my name

Singing prayers  
You heal our hearts  
Will clear up the grey skies  
a new fresh start  
Your .... warm.... spring .... winds always .... blow  
And dry our tears away

The fence I put  
around my heart ... will come down  
To build up joy  
and happiness ... no room to frown  
Courage and strength to live  
when the moon goes down



## **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 Hegreiness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, 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 and their son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Ruth and Bill Boys, Eileene Welker, Paula Carson's mother-in-law Tammy Carson, Nancy Magargal's grandson Benjamin, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, family of Bishop Robert Kelley, LaVerna Reinoehl's family on the death of her brother Don Kapper  
For the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Columbus  
For Redeemer community members Margie Frazier and Dave Lippert

## **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.*

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## Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are distributed across five lines of music. The first line is labeled 'Presider:' and the second line is labeled 'Congregation:'. The third line is labeled 'Presider:' and the fourth line is labeled 'Congregation:'. The fifth line is labeled 'Congregation:'. 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.'

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Congregation:* you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is

*Congregation:* right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*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!

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us and teach us to pray:

**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

Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are invited to come to the banquet.

*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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909  
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

## Hymn

## Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.  
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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*Please stand in body or spirit*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Postlude

### *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

arr. Pepper Choplin

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



Dave Shull is attending a memorial service in Boston.  
Rev. Julianne Smeck is providing emergency pastoral care coverage  
Feb. 21-23. Her phone number is 734-972-6126.

Many thanks to Pastor Larry Trover, Joss Dana, and Rich Pautsch for their  
worship leadership this morning.

### *Adult Ed*

Sunday February 23

11:15 a.m. – Room 2

#### **Non-Police Crisis Response Solution**

Do you have a personal story about a call to 911 for a mental health issue that did not have a good outcome? Helen Anne Sweeney, one of the leaders, will be sharing information about a ballot initiative for the non-police crisis response during Adult Education Forum

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqE CnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>

Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

### *Adult Ed*

Sunday March 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 conclude a 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

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### *Journaling Workshop*

7:00 pm

February 25

*In-Person - Outer  
Pastor's Office*



### *Sister Act*

**PRAYER PRACTICES  
IDEAS ABOUT WAYS TO PRAY**

Wednesday, Feb 26 – 6:30 pm

*For more information see **Reflections** or  
contact Michele Disbro or  
Julianne Johnson.*

*Please join us for fellowship and service*



**Ash Wednesday Worship**

March 5  
7:00 am  
In-Person  
7:00 pm  
In-Person and Livestream



**Lenten Soup and  
Conversation**  
Wednesdays Noon – 1:00  
March 12 – April 9  
Narthex



***Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer***

Wednesdays March 12 - April 9  
7:00 pm  
*In-Person and Livestream*



**Birthdays this week:**  
24 - Linda Williams  
24 - Sue Yehling  
26 - Diane Brobeck  
26 - Wally Jacobs  
28 - Colton Day  
1 - Todd Darst  
1 - Kathy Denhard

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Larry Trover
<b>Preaching</b>	Joss Dana, Rich Pautsch
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lynn Belhorn
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Murray
<b>Vergers</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Diane Brobeck, Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Producers</b>	Judith Bird, April Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson

*Flowers are given by the **Trover family** in honor of **Larry's birthday**,  
and in rejoicing for **Becky's sisters**.  
Noisy Offering will go to B.R.E.A.D.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 2

<b>Today</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Sister Act – Prayer Practices
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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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