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## MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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(\* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE:**                   *"It Is Well With My Soul"*                   *By Philip P. Bliss*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO PRAYER

The glory of the Lord fills this sanctuary!

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory.**

The Lord calls to us: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

**Despite our fears, we answer: "Here am I; send me!"**

Deep calls to deep; Christ invites us to put out into the deep water.

**Let us drop our nets and follow him in worship and in service.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you reveal your presence in the high and lofty places and in the everyday work of our lives. As we gather today, touch our lips with the coal of your altar and our hearts with the grace of your Spirit. Wash away our hesitations and fill us with the wonder of your calling. Whether we are in the temple or by the lakeshore, help us to recognize your voice and respond with "Yes." We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN: 2236**

*"Gather Us In"*

*vs 1-4*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, like the prophet Isaiah, we are tempted to say, "Woe is me, for I am lost." Like Peter, we often feel unworthy and cry out, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinner." We confess that we focus more on our shortcomings than on your power to transform us. We cling to the safety of the shore rather than trusting your call to the deep. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Purify us, renew us, and give us the courage to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. From now on, you will be catching people for the kingdom of God. Our God is a God of second chances and infinite mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since we are forgiven and called as one body, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(The congregation may exchange signs of reconciliation and peace.)*

## OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 58:1-9a (NIV)

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.

    Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion

    and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

For day after day they seek me out;

    they seem eager to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that does what is right

    and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions

    and seem eager for God to come near them.

‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,

    ‘and you have not seen it?’

Why have we humbled ourselves,

    and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please  
    and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,

    and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today

    and expect your voice to be heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,

    only a day for people to humble themselves?

Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed

    and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice

    and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry

    and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them,

    and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,

    and your healing will quickly appear;

then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.  
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.  
“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: 112:1-9 (NIV)

Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

**Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

### EPISTLE: I Corinthians 2:1-12 (NIV)

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived”—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—  
these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

The gospel according to Matthew

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

*Pastor Rob Odum*

### HYMN: 175

*“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”*

*vs 1-4*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you have blessed us with abundance even when our nets felt empty. We offer these gifts—our money, our time, and our talents—as a sign of our devotion. Use them to reach into the deep places of our community, bringing hope to the weary and food to the hungry. May these offerings help cast the net of your love further than we can imagine. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

*“All Who Love and Serve Your City”*

*Arr Carlton R. Young*

## \*DOXOLOGY: 94

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his 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,  
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and will come again 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.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 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.

\*CLOSING HYMN: 2237

*“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”*

vs 1-3

### \*BENEDICTION

Go now, for you have seen the glory of the Lord. Do not be afraid to go into deep waters. Trust that the One who called you will sustain you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore.

Amen.

### \*POSTLUDE:

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*“We Fall Down”*

By Chris Tomlin

## MISSIONS

### COIN BASKET:

HEAR Wisconsin

### FOOD OFFERING:

Blessed Hope's food pantry for the  
 Urban Poiema Foodbank

### KNITTING & CROCHETING:

Prayer Shawls, Winter Hats &  
 Headbands, Scarfs, Gloves

### TOILETRY DRIVE:

For Sojourner Truth House

### ALUMINUM PULL TABS:

For the Ronald McDonald House



Saturday 2/14 – Saturday 5/16  
 confirmation classes will be held  
 each Saturday from 9-10:30am.



February	Liturgists	Ushers
8th	Chris Guse	Don Reid & Dave Krey
15th	John Hurley	Don Reid & Dave Krey
22nd	Connie Ziegler	Don Reid & Dave Krey



### Ash Wednesday

#### Services

Wednesday,

February 18<sup>th</sup>

Noon at Blessed

Hope UMC

6 PM at Memorial

UMC

*Imposition of ashes  
 will be part of these  
 services.*

## Valentine/Mardi Gras Café

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm after the church service in the fellowship hall at:

*Memorial United Methodist Church  
3450 South 52nd Street  
Greenfield, WI 53219  
414-545-2440*

Please invite your Family and Friends!!!!!!  
A free will donation of \$5.00 per person  
would be greatly appreciated.

(children under 5 are complimentary)  
Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,  
fruit, potatoes, kringle, juice, coffee, milk

## YARN EXTRAVAGANZA AND MORE

Friday, February 20, 2026, 9am to 3pm.

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 9am to 3pm.

Sunday, February 22 after the church service till 1pm.

  
*Memorial United Methodist Church  
3450 South 52nd Street  
Greenfield, WI 53219  
414-545-2440*

Please invite your Family, Neighbors and Friends!!!!!!  
Bring a can of soup or fruit and receive a skein of yarn free!

For Project Concern (up to three free items). All yarn is reasonably priced, cash only please. A light lunch will be available for a fee of \$5.00. Any questions please contact

Mary Schultz at 414-526-2715 or  
[greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com](mailto:greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com).

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15am

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday, 10:30am

**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

**JOYFUL BELLS:** Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

**DINING OUT GROUP:** February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at:

Final Approach, 4959 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee

**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, 10am-1pm

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9am at Meyers

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers

**EASTER LILLY/CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDERS:**

order forms are on the table, by the bulletin board.  
Orders due by 3/1/26.

**VALENTINE / MARDI GRAS CAFÉ:**

after the church service on Sunday, February 15th

**YARN SALE:** February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-3, and  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-1.

## Memorial UMC

### **General Information & Staff**

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Summer Ketchell, Emily Bergeron

**Pianist & Organist:** Karen Fetzer

**Live Stream Production Team:**

Brad Weller, Xylia-Sophia Conn,

John Stoekl, Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlie

**Office Administrator:** Peggy Leonhardt

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm



## **EASTER LILIES & CHRYSANTHEMUMS- 2026**

To place an order, fill out the following form and return it along with your payment to the church office.

Checks should be made payable to: **Memorial UMC**.

Available are: 7" Lilies and 7" chrysanthemums (assorted colors).

**All are at \$15.00 each.**

# wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies

# wanted: \_\_\_\_\_ Chrysanthemums

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

After the Easter Sunday Service, I/we will \_\_\_\_\_

Take our plant(s) with us \_\_\_\_\_

Leave our plant(s) at church \_\_\_\_\_

**All orders and payments must be in no later than Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**