



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Arr William G. Fischer

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO PRAYER

Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

We have seen his light and we follow him.

Jesus asks us, "What are you looking for?"

We are looking for the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Come and see! Come and dwell in the presence of the Lord.

We come to worship and to abide in God's love.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you revealed yourself in the person of Jesus, the Lamb who brings peace to the cosmos. We thank you for calling us by name and inviting us to walk in your light. Open our eyes this day to see the miracles hidden in our daily lives and open our hearts to follow where you lead. May our worship be a "new song" of praise to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Amen.

***HYMN: 77**

"How Great Thou Art"

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that like the first disciples, we are often seekers who lose our way. We look for fulfillment in things that do not satisfy. We hear your call but hesitate to follow, fearing the sacrifices you might ask of us. We have seen your light but have often preferred the shadows of our own making. Forgive our wandering hearts. Wash us in your mercy and redirect our feet toward your path of righteousness.

(A moment of silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the good news: God does not leave us in the "desolate pit" of our mistakes. Through the Lamb of God, our sins are taken away and we are called to be saints together. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As people sanctified in Christ Jesus, let us offer one another a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 49:1-7 (NIV)

Listen to me, you islands;

 hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

 from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

 and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, "You are my servant,

 Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

But I said, "I have labored in vain;

 I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

 and my reward is with my God."

And now the LORD says—

 he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
 to bring Jacob back to him

 and gather Israel to himself,

for I am^[a] honored in the eyes of the LORD

 and my God has been my strength—

he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

 to restore the tribes of Jacob

 and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

 that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

This is what the LORD says—

 the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—

to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,

 to the servant of rulers:

 "Kings will see you and stand up,

 princes will see and bow down,

 because of the LORD, who is faithful,

 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 40:1-11 (NIV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you;

were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;

I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;

may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NIV)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42 (NIV)

The gospel according to John.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 568

"Christ for the World We Sing"

vs 1-4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all wonders, you have given us an "open ear" to hear your word and a new song to sing. We bring these offerings not as a hollow sacrifice, but as a joyful response to your faithfulness. Use these gifts to strengthen your church and to feed a world hungry for your grace. May our very lives become an offering that delights your heart.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"Come and See"

By Marilyn Houser Hamm

***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.

*CLOSING HYMN: 2130

"The Summons"

vs 1-4

*BENEDICTION

Go forth now as witnesses of the Light. May the Lord who called you before you were born sustain you. May the Lamb of God who takes away sin give you peace. And may the Holy Spirit, who descends and remains, empower you to go and tell others: "Come and see!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

By Henry T. Smart



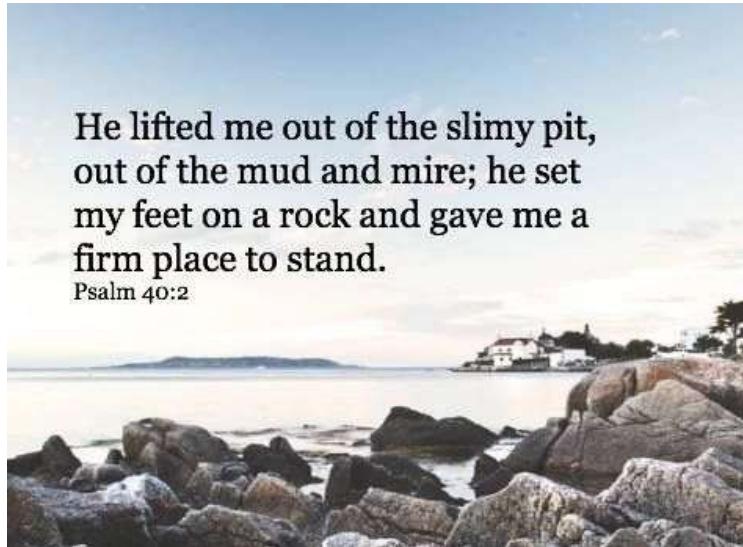
January	Liturgists	Ushers
18th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
25th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang

There is a **NEW COMMITTEE** (no name yet) to work on planning small socials for the church. Anyone interested in participating in this committee, please contact Kathy Vanden Berg.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Rob or the church office when members and/or friends of Blessed Hope are sick, hospitalized, having surgery, undergoing medical treatment, have special concerns, etc. Pastor Rob will lift you up in prayer during the Sunday Worship Service.





**He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire; he set
my feet on a rock and gave me a
firm place to stand.**

Psalm 40:2



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 14th at 5pm at: Final

Approach, 4959 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

<https://finalapproachmilwaukee.com/menu/>

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd, Thursday, 10am-1pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday, 9am at Meyers

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers

VALENTINE / MARDI GRAS CAFÉ:

after the church service on Sunday, February 15th

YARN SALE: February 20th & 21st from 9-3, and

the 22nd from 9-1.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

TODAY!!

Your generous gift supports
the Community Developers
Program and community
Advocacy through United

Methodist Voluntary Services, related to the
General Board of Global Ministries, and at-risk
teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation
program, General Board of Church and Society.



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