

February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Today is the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. Today we will study what God expects from each of us as we continue in our walk toward the Lenten Season.

February 23, 2025 Free Lunch 11:30-12:30 - W/North Bush & Northville UMC

February 23, 2025 Food Pantry CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

February 23, 2025 - Bible Study @ 1:00 PM in Parlor -Lesson 5

(Deborah's Crisis in the Valley)

March 5, 2025 - No Captain Program this Month

March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday Service @ 4:00 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE "Remember The Sabbath Day" by James Rowe & John D Creswell

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God is alive and at work nurturing our growth, nourishing our needs, and reconciling us to one another. God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God's ways. It is through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come this day to learn about what God expects of us.

People: Sometimes we really don't want to know what God wants. We are afraid to make the commitments God seeks.

Leader: God is persistent. God will not let us off the hook so easily.

People: We have failed before to make a commitment to God. How can we possibly serve now?

Leader: We have been brought here today to witness the love that God has for each of us.

People: Open your hearts to receive forgiveness and healing. Help us to listen more intently to God and His purpose for us.

Leader: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

People: Be with us, Lord. Help us to turn around, to see you, to serve you, to witness to your Love.

GATHERING SONG

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

TFWS 2237

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Holy Spirit, we ask that you guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Give us courage to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING (if you missed it)

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

TFWS 2200

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Spirit of Gentleness"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, as we present these offerings, may we be reminded of the many blessings you have shared with us as individuals, and as a community of believers. You have filled us with your grace, and have nurtured us with a love that knows no limits or boundaries. May our sharing this day reveal our promises that we belong to you and we offer these gifts that they may be used in mission and in ministry in our church and our community to bring glory to you. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Trust and Obey"

UMH 467

Psalter Reading: Psalm 37 UMH 772

SPECIAL READING Luke 11: 9 & 10

Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation from Corinthians UMH 888

GLORIA PATRI (*We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible*) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE Luke 6: 27-49

SHARING THE STORY "Jesus Teaches us How to Live" Pastor Joyce Royal

SENDING SONG "Because He Lives" UMH 364

THE SENDING FORTH

We have been refreshed and restored. We have been called and guided. As we journey out into the world, may each of us walk in the light of God's ways. May our hearts be vessels of God's love. May God's love be yours this day and forevermore. Go now in peace to share God's love with others. Amen.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Ode to Joy" ..Ludwig van Beethoven

Worship Reader: Nancy Cairo Estes ~~~~ Music: Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Kacey Frederick, Doug Topliff, Linda Macklin, Family of Tammy Mytelka, Mike Maczydlowski, Nancy Egan, Mike Frederick's Mother Ann, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Family of Andrea Russell and for her daughter Zoey, and Matt Brezosky

Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open

Use <https://www.northmainstUMC.terrilynn.com>

****Watch for our Poppin Pop Corn Fund Raiser.. It will be here soon****

***** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902**

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

