January 19, 2025 Second Sunday after Epiphany & Human Relations Day 10:30

*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 Second Sunday after Epiphany and Human Relations Day.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by the Lay Ministry Team in Honor of the Congregation & Wells House Residents.

Announcements:

January 19, 2025 Administrative Board Meeting After Church @ 12:00 Noon **This is an opportunity to be updated in what is happening in Church**
Free Lunch Monday, January 20, 2025 11:30-12:30-@ 7th Ave Side of Church Food Pantry January 20, 2025, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King Service at Congregational Church @ 3:00 Wells House Service January 21, 2025 - Lay Servants Service @10:30

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "We will Keep our Faith Alive" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God, you are ever present and faithful to us. Open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. Enter into the light you have given us each day.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

People: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Listen everyone! God has given us work to do.

People: God has called each of us to service to him even before we were born. Leader: It was God who named us. It is God who now calls us by name. The light of

God's love shines in us.

People: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

GATHERING SONG "Here I am Lord"

UMH 593

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

God of us all. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ as we walk through each day in service with him. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

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 "Oh How He Loves You and Me" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of Jesus. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Make me a Channel of your peace" TFWS 2171

Psalter Reading: Psalm 40 UMH 774-775

Affirmation of Faith: Statement of Faith/Canada UMH 883

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

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

SHARING THE STORY "Unlocking our Spiritual Gifts" Pastor Joyce Royal

SENDING SONG "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH 571

THE SENDING FORTH

Go in the love of the One who strengthens us for the work to which we are called. Go in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, who claims us as sisters and brothers. Go in the community of the Holy Spirit, who binds us together with all the saints. Go with grace to shine God's love into all of the world. Amen.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Onward, Christian Soldiers" UMH 575 Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Doug Topliff, Family of Gene Reppenhagen, Family of Chris McGrail, Mike Maczydlowski, Logan Salvione, Robert Goodell, Sr., Nancy Egan, Mike Frederick's Mother Ann, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Logan Rose, 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, James's Mother and Uncle, Family of Jack Burns, Family of Sandra Miller.

*** 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..The prayer chain does not get included on the bulletin unless you have permission to publish the name as it goes on our Website for public viewing.



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