



January 18, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM
Second Sunday of Epiphany

GATHERING

Prelude

James Stanley

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah / Gilbert M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. David C. Freeman

God said, "I will be your God."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "I will forgive you."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "My kingdom is near."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140 †

Great Is Their Faithfulness / United Methodist Hymnal

Prayer of the day †

Faithful God,

**you called all creatures into being,
and you care for each one.**

**Send your grace upon your people gathered here,
that we may follow your ways of truth,
and walk in the paths of steadfast love,
proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Passing of the peace †

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by
morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath
provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SONG

**Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones
to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves
me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me
so.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

HYMN 141

Children of the Heavenly Father / United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Phil Reemes

Genesis 11:1-9

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rose

Divine Disturbances

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds / Kenneth T. Kosche

DOXOLOGY 94 †

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

PRAYER FOR HOLY DISRUPTION †

God of the new and unexpected, Grant us the grace to welcome the "Holy Disruptions" you send our way. Break into our predictable lives with the untamed, unsettling wonder of your Spirit. Shake the foundations of our tidy faith with the fierce urgency of your love, dismantling the systems we have built to keep us safe from your risky, transforming call. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus - our comforter and disrupter. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 568 †

Christ for the World We Sing / United Methodist Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless and Keep You / Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Festive Flight / Gilbert M. Martin

James Stanley

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Heather Rose

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, Shannon Webb, James Stanley

Liturgist: Phil Reemes

Audio/Visual: Chris Cone, Lesley Andrews

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Small & Judy Jewell

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We give thanks for a faith-filled witness that called the church and the world toward justice, peace, and love of neighbor.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Kaye Hoover, Hilda Thomas, Donna Bair, Amelia Botteicher, Nancy Harber, Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

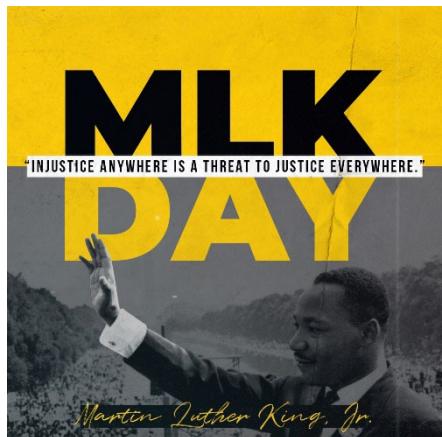
Sunday, January 18, 2025

9:00 am	First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	First Arts
1:00 pm	Beginner Taiko
2:30 pm	Mike Charles Basketball Academy
3:00 pm	Intermediate Drumming
5:30 pm	Canvas Community Worship

Monday, January 19, 2025

**Church office closed in
observance of MLK Day.**

9:00 am MLK Day of Service



Tuesday, January 20, 2025

7:00 am Tues. Morning Bible Study
9:30 am Quarterly Staff Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
5:00 pm Leadership Council (Rm 204)
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, January 21, 2025

1:00 pm Community Café
5:45 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, January 22, 2025

10:00 am PALS Small Group
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy