



**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 Thy 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**

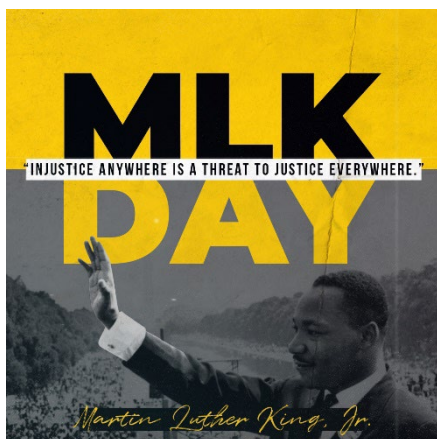
### **Sunday, January 18, 2025**

|          |                                 |
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| 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**

|         |                                 |
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| 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**

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

## **Thursday, January 22, 2025**

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