

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

### GATHERING

Prelude C. Phillips  
“Prelude on ‘Engelberg’”

Gathering & Announcements

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes  
\*Hymn UMH 408  
“The Gift of Love”

### \*WORDS OF WORSHIP

**(People read bold text.)**

Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

**Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.**

Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful. “But what is mercy?

**To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.**

Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

**By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.**

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

\*Hymn UMH 572  
“Pass It On”

\*Pass the Peace

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children’s Message Pastor Cheryl

Scripture Carolyn Trezevant  
Luke 6:27-38

Message Rev. Cheryl Murray

**BASIC INSTINCT: LOVE LIKE JESUS**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

Video Sidewalk Prophets  
I Want To Live Like That

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

### GIVING

Offertory W. A. Mozart  
“Adagio” for Glass Harmonica

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Hymn UMH 389

“Freely, Freely”

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

\* Postlude L. Boellmann

“Carillon” from 4<sup>th</sup> Suite

#### Worship Leaders

Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
Julio Villeda, Music Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech  
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader

#### Mission of the Month

The February Missions of the Month are the local Food Pantries. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “Food Pantry” in the memo line, will benefit these missions. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.



## Upcoming Activities

Feb. 24 (Mon.) Finance Mtg. at 6:00

Feb. 25 (Tues.) Men's Breakfast at Texas Café at  
8:00

Feb. 26 (Weds.) Country Home Estates at 2:00  
Children's Choir at 3:45  
WOW! at 5:45  
Adult Choir at 7:00

Feb. 27 (Thurs.) Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30

March 2(Sun.) Confirmation Sunday

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children/Youth Director	Ashlyn Woods
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Julio Villeda
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



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- Our Country and its leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
- Family of Wyona Wevers, Cathy Caldwell's mother
- Wally Jeffers,(FISH) Heart Transplant
- Blake Cooper, Heart Transplant
- Mary Beth Sampson
- Wyman Williams
- Pastor Cheryl
- Lisa McGuyer
- Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- Mike Clay
- Debbie Dunham
- Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth
- Judy Rudoff
- Diane Garcia
- Bill Heitholt
- Betty Martin
- Rose Stapleton
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Young
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie & Judy Cortea
- Robert Seay
- Rita Thompson



Seventh Sunday after the  
Epiphany

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10:00 a.m. Sanctuary