

***Classic Worship at 9:00 am***

**PRELUDE** Dr. Ann Behrens  
*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* J. Wayne Kerr  
*Offertory* John Ness Beck  
*Nimrod from Enigma Variations* Elgar/Jennings

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**  
*Blessed Be the Name* arr. Ralph Hudson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
With your voice alone, O God, you call to our bodies  
and spirits.  
**“Come into your healing,” says the Lord.**  
Though we are chronically human, you have not left us in  
despair.  
**It is for freedom that we are set free.**  
In our rule-making, we can miss the heart of God.  
Help us to lead with love.  
**This Sabbath day is liberation.**  
Let us worship together Christ Jesus who loosens the  
chains of oppression.  
**In society and in our souls.**  
Come now, Holy Spirit.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real  
to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips  
tremble to name, what our hearts can longer bear,  
and what has become for us, a consuming fire of  
judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your  
likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of  
the world. Amen.

**WORDS OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN # 364** *BECAUSE HE LIVES*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
*Our Hope for Years to Come* Austin Lovelace

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 103

**MESSAGE** Pastor Rachel Stockle  
“As far as the east is from the west”

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN # 365** *GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN*

**MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**  
*The Gift of Love* arr. Janet Linker

**\*DOXOLOGY # 95**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 600** *WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**  
*Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock* J. Bert Carlson

***This week’s flowers are provided by  
Dr. Lee and Lollie Johnson in honor of  
Laura, Anna, and Jon.***

***Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.***

**WELCOME**

**WELCOME SONG** *LET IT RISE*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**PRAISE BAND** *GLORY, GLORY, GLORY*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAISE BAND** *THE SPIRIT SONG*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 103  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Rachel Stockle  
“As far as the east is from the west”

**VIDEO** Trash 231 Media

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**SONG** *AMAZING GRACE/MY CHAINS ARE GONE*

**BENEDICTION**

***Last week’s flowers were provided by  
Maxine Paluska and family in memory of  
Roger Paluska.***

**The people of this church are missionaries in the city.**

**The staff members are:**

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor  
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate & Director of Praise Team  
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist, and Chancel Choir Director  
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director  
Sara Bange, Bright Start Preschool Director  
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin. Assistant  
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager  
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant  
Glory Messan, A/V Tech  
Rob Davis, Custodian

**9 am Greeters** –

**9 am Ushers** – Laura Hampsmire & Carol Gilliland

**9 am Communion** - Brad Billings & Diana Calvert

**11 am Greeters** –

**11 am Ushers** – Don Larson & Jim Weede

**11 am Communion** - Luke & Emily Gittings

**Gathering Place Host** – Charlie & Fae Jones

**Don't Forget!**

- February 7<sup>th</sup> – 4-7 pm Union UMC Soup Supper
- February 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Study

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**SUNDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9 am** – Classic Worship Service

**10:15 am** – Sunday School

**11 am** – Connection Worship Service

**MONDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9 am** – Care Team

**3 pm** – Worship Team

**TUESDAY, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Quilters

**9:30 am** – Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, February 3<sup>d</sup>**

**10 am** – Coffee & Conversation

**4:45 pm** – Praise Band

**5 pm** – Bible study

**6 pm** – Bell choir

**7 pm** – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**6 pm** – Leadership Board Meeting

**SATURDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**4-7 pm** – Union UMC Soup Supper

**SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Classic Worship Service

**10:15 am** – Sunday School

**11 am** – Connection Worship Service

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ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.**

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regarding Year end giving statements.*

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share Christ, as we support each  
other and serve our community.*



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
February 1, 2026