

## Second Sunday after Epiphany



**January 18, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.**

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Please silence your cell phone.

# WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**



Please stand in body or spirit

## Hymn Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

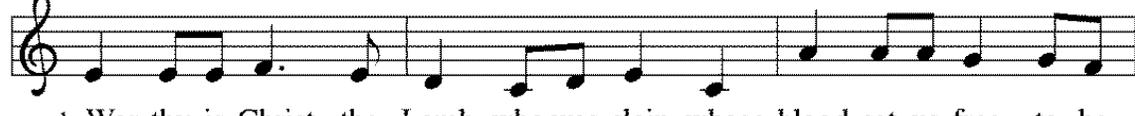


This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

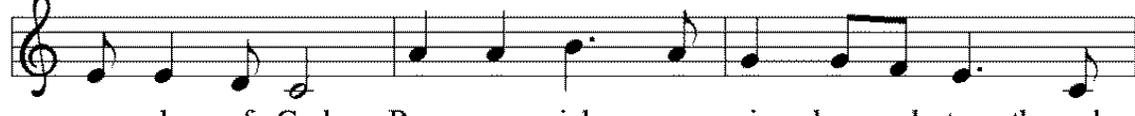


Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



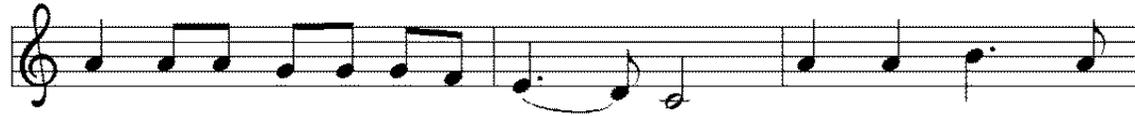
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

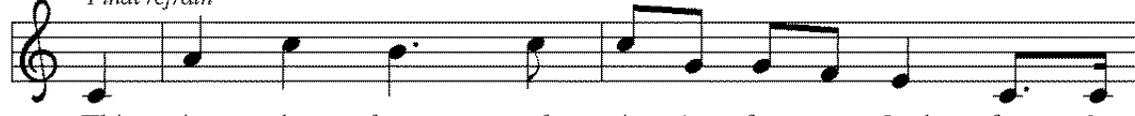


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,  
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,  
follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*



## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

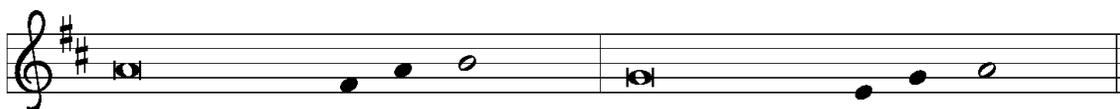
Isaiah 49:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

## Psalm 40:1-11



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I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for  
us, none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more  
than | I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you  
have | not required.**

And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

**'I love to do your will, | O my God;  
your law is | deep within me.'**"

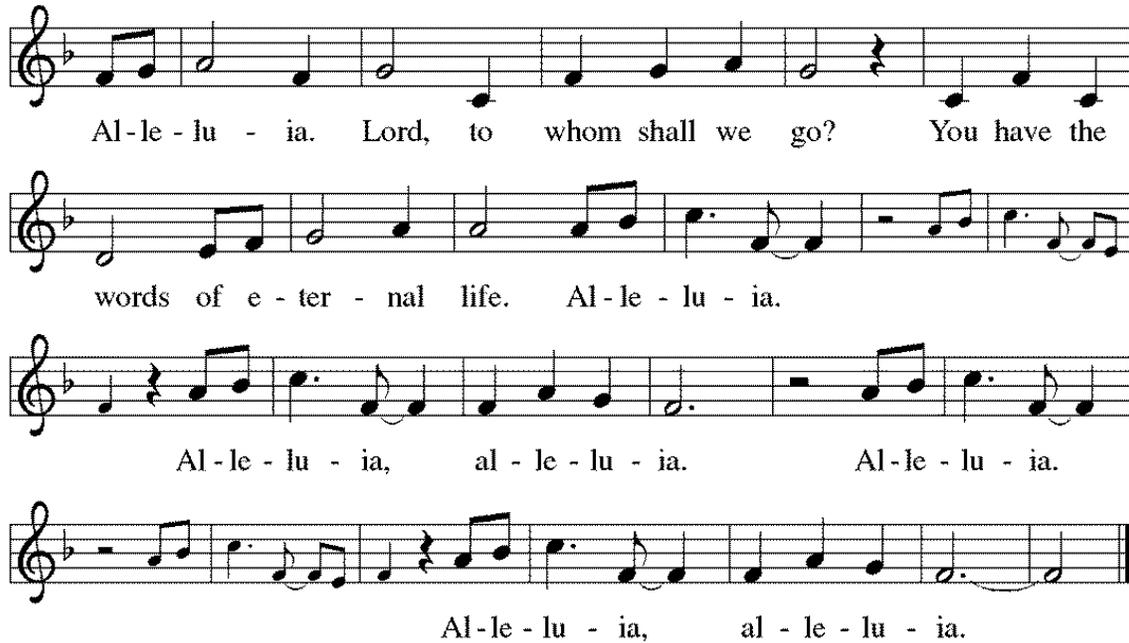
I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of  
your faithfulness and | your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great  
assembly.**

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

Please stand in body or spirit

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel **John 1:29-42** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord

*Please be seated*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**UNNOTICEABLY NEAR**  
Chaplain Kerstin Hedlund

**Musical Reflection**

***Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*** arr. Gilbert M. Martin  
*Choir*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our feverish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

Oh, Sabbath rest by galilee! Oh, calm of hills above,  
Oh, calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind,  
and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm! Amen, amen.

## Statement of Faith

We open ourselves to fresh images for God and the Church as we proclaim these words:

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The United Church of Canada)*

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

**Amen.**

*Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:*

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Becky and Larry Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Karen Rider's niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's son-in-law Russ Ward, sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Drusanne Shaulis; Kelley Frank, Don Luck, Heidi Sherer's uncle Steve Sherer.  
Barbara Hairston

For the people of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin  
For Redeemer community member Georgene Slagle

## Time with the Young People

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

*We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.*

### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*



*In body or spirit, please stand*

## Offertory

## You Are Holy

1\*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

### Sharing the Meal

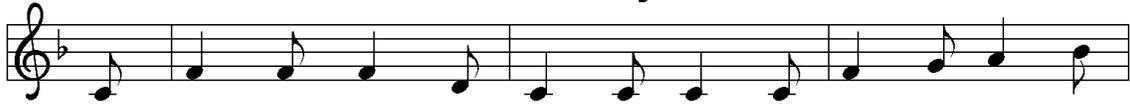
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
 So do we.

*Please be seated*

*You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*

# Hymn

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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# Hymn

## Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

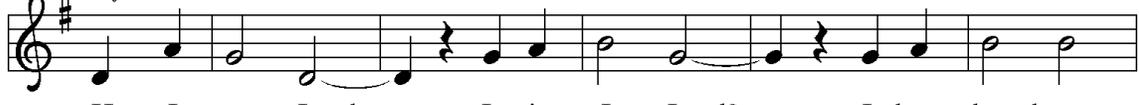


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

### Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

**Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

## Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## Blessing

**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Postlude

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

For Pastoral Care contact Pastor Julianne Smeck (734-972-6126)



This morning we welcome Chaplain Kerstin Hedlund.

Pastor Kerstin Hedlund is an ELCA pastor and Army Reserve Chaplain. Her current reserve assignment is in the Army Chief of Chaplains Office. She and her family recently moved to Columbus from Chicago, Illinois. In Chicago, she served as a pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She is excited to return to Columbus where she has extended family and serves in Contextual Education at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

In addition to Chicago, she served congregations in Texas and Wisconsin. As a military chaplain, she has had various assignments across the U.S. and overseas. Kerstin has two young children (8 years and 4 years) who love to garden & play in dirt. She looks forward to seeing where the Spirit leads as she and her family continue to settle in Columbus.

**Adult Ed**  
**January 11, 18 + 11:15 am**  
**Room 2**

**Abuse Prevention:**  
**Safe Church**  
***Brad Binau***

In-Person and Zoom:

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ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**January 25**  
**11:15 am**  
**IN-PERSON only**  
**Light Luncheon**  
**following**



## *Coffee and Conversation*

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



## *Sister Act*

*Igniting Your Fire  
by Pursuing Your Passions*

### *PURSuing WRITING*

Wednesday, January 21

6:30 pm

*For more information see [Reflections](#) or  
contact Michele Disbro*

*Please join us for fellowship and  
service*



**Birthdays this week:**

20 - David Detweiler

20 - Corinne Montgomery

20 - Tony Naess

21 - Elizabeth George

21 - Shirley Miller

22 - Maureen Callahan

22 - Shirley Cannon

24 - Sophie Brush

24 - Marshall Edgington

24 - Kathy Rapp

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Al Rider
<b>Preaching</b>	Chaplain Kerstin Hedlund
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Emily Ott
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>Vergers</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Wendy Stoica, Maddie Sutphin
<b>Producers</b>	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
<b>Hospitality</b>	Judith & Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird**  
in memory of her father **Oscar Tieman on his birthday.**  
The Noisy Offering will go to LSS Choices.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 18 - 25

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	Member Care Team
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Conversation and Coffee
	6:30 pm	Sister Act
<b>Thursday</b>	4:30 pm	Call Committee
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Annual Congregational Meeting

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**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community