



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Ruth Foley | Music Director

Sunday, January 12, 2025
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

1st Sunday after Epiphany

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist: Karen Winter*

Leader: Feel the living presence of Christ.

People: Dwell in the silence,

Leader: Rise in the song,

People: Live in the world,

Leader: For this is worship.

People: Amen. Amen.

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Gray, #92 vs. 1,2,4

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Compassionate Jesus, God of disarming tenderness, put your heart to our hearts, listen to what is broken in us and touch us with healing and hope. We have bruised others by our thoughtless words and premature responses. We have isolated ourselves by arrogance when our opinions have become rigid. We have cautiously held back when a bold response was needed. We have counted more on our individual resources and missed your gifts of community and care. Release your forgiveness through us. Send your healing deep down inside. Remind us of your connectedness to you and one another. Let your joy grow again in our midst. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 63:15-16

ANTIPONAL READING Psalm 27:7-14

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

10 If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

***HYMN** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Gray, #694 vs. 1,2,4

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:1-4

SERMON "Expecting an Answer"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Gray, #584

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Ruth Foley & Family, Louise Forney, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, and Joyce Whittemore.

For Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justen Sleghter (Air Force), Joe Solak, Mark Solak, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are grateful to Rev. Patricia Minnick for our service today.**
- **Today Rev. Kayti Dean will be installed as the new pastor** at St. Matthews UCC at 3:00 p.m. 5189 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg.
- **Annual reports** are due in the church office today.
- Confirmation class at 4:00 p.m. on January 14.
- January 19, **Coffee Hour** at 11:15 a.m. sponsored by **Intentional Inclusivity Group, & Endowment meeting** at 11:30 a.m.
- **Board Meeting** will be held on January 21 at 7 p.m.
- January 26, **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place following worship, & Confirmation class at 11:30 a.m.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2465
Offering collection from January 5, 2025: \$3179
Current: \$2855 Benevolent: \$324
Attendance on Sunday, January 5, 2025: 43