



Faith

UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Sunday, February 1, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Communion

WELCOME

OPENING OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Though we come from different circumstances,

People: God will make us one in worship.

Leader: Though we have traveled different paths of challenges and successes,

People: The Spirit brings us together in healing.

Leader: Though each one of us has our struggles and strife, as well as joy,

People: Christ unites us in hope.

All: **Praise be to God who makes us one in Christ Jesus.**

INVOCATION

*HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* Gray #568, vs. 1,3,4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as a gift to the world, to reveal your abundant love for all people. We confess that in our sin and pride, we sometimes decline your gifts and deny your love. In your mercy, free us from the bonds of sin, and open us anew to the bounty of your love, and the glory of your grace. Forgive us and renew us, that we may show your love and your grace to others each day. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, friends and neighbors, God is always with us, the Spirit is always around us, and the love of Christ fills all creation. By the grace of God we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-4

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 27:1, 4-9

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 1:10-18

SERMON "Perfectly United in Mind and Thought?"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** *As We Gather at Your Table* Black #2268

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UCC Statement of Faith)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

People: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

People: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

People: “Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . .

People: We participate in the Body of Christ.

Pastor: Through the cup of blessing . . .

People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us receive these gifts of grace.

Partaking of Elements

When the usher comes to your row, those who wish to partake should come forward by the center aisle. The Pastor will place a piece of bread in the palm of your hand and then you may take a cup from the tray. Gluten free wafers are available. Grapes and crackers are available for children at the table to your left in front of the pulpit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Bind Us Together*, Gray #690 x2

***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**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

RESUMPTION OF ANNUAL MEETING

RECOGNITION AND RELEASE OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

INSTALLATION OF NEW AND CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Shannon Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber.

For Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Justin Buczak, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2355

Offering collection from January 18, 2026: \$1890

Current: \$1890 Benevolent: \$0

Attendance on Sunday, January 18, 2026: 32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday, February 7 – **Men’s Group** meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- **Pastor will away, February 7 – 11.** We are delighted to have **Rev. Lynn Morgan** preach on **February 8.**