

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today	8:30 am	Key Principles of Biblical Fasting (124)
	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
	9:30 am	Sunday School - Kids, Youth, Adults
	10:45 am	Just Say Jesus Sunday School Class (125)
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Kids Sunday School (Chapel)
	11:00 am	Youth Sunday School (130)
	5:00 pm	Band of Brothers (123)
	5:00 pm	Key Principles of Biblical Fasting (101)
	5:00 pm	Kids Sunday Nights (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	The Chosen Season 3 (124)
	5:00 pm	Youth Nights (130)
Mon., 2/24	4:00 pm	Book Art (128)
	6:30 pm	MAD Life Group (124)
Tues., 2/25	3:30 pm	Prayer Group (121)
	7:00 pm	Young Adults (130)
Wed., 2/26	9:00 am	Crochet (128)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (119)
	6:30 pm	Crochet (128)
Thurs 2/27	6:30 pm	Vision Task Force (WC)
Sat., 3/1	8:30 am	Upward Basketball Games (Gym)
	9:00 am	House of Bread Food Pantry (126)



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February 23, 2025 | 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service



Sin broke our relationships with God and one another, introducing fear, shame, and control into our lives. In Genesis 3:6-19, Adam and Eve hid in fear of exposure, afraid of being fully known and seen; they blamed one another, fearing disapproval of each other and God; and they struggled for control, as sin made relationships and work difficult. Yet, even in their brokenness, God pursued them, offering them grace instead of shame, security instead of rejection, and the promise of redemption instead of a life ruled by fear. God desires to transform our relationships – both with Him and with others – by replacing our fear with His perfect love. Through Christ, we no longer have to hide, seek approval, or grasp for control. Instead, we can live in the freedom of being fully known, fully loved, and fully surrendered to God's will, allowing His love to restore and strengthen all of our relationships.

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11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE Katie Wilson

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Caroline and Margaret Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP Barb Mann

Come, all who are weary and burdened by the weight of sin.

We come, seeking God's mercy and grace.

Though our first parents disobeyed God
and sin entered the world, God did not abandon them.

**We trust in God's promise of redemption
and His enduring love.**

Though sin brings division and hardship,
God calls us to restoration and peace.

**We lift our hearts up in worship,
for Christ has overcome sin and death.**

Let us worship the Lord, who calls us back to Himself.

OPENING PRAYER Barb Mann

*OPENING HYMN MEDLEY UMH 526, 362

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Vv. 1, 3)
Nothing But the Blood (Vv.1, 2)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Rev. Frank Bernat

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker
of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light
from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of
one Being with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation He came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was
buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the
life of the world to come. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Gomez

*OFFERTORY HYMN UMH 420

Breath on Me, Breath of God (Vv.1, 2, 4)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Bernat

OFFERTORY SPECIAL Becca Smith, violin

I Need Thee Every Hour

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

At this time, children and youth are dismissed for Kids Church

MESSAGE "Transforming Our Relationships" Rev. Bernat
Genesis 3:6-19 (NLT)

*CLOSING HYMN (selected in response to message)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bernat

*POSTLUDE Katie Wilson

Prayer Requests

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