#### **Prayer Concerns**

*Jan C.'s nephew	'Janis J.'s brother, Kirk
*Chris B.'s brother, Curtis	Barbara B.
*Joan P.	Bunny, cousin of Liz Lavelle
*Nadine W.	'Susan Wolter
'Condolences to the family of Jim	*Chris & Ava K., lifted by
Sainsbury, on his passing	Jean S.
*Condolences to the family of Joan	*Alice T., Paul T.'s mother
Holden, on her passing	*Carolyn B.'s friend

<sup>\*=1</sup> week

'=3 weeks

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/20 Joanne Krueger

2/23 Sydney Scothon

2/21 Terri Wilhelm

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm Liturgist: Floyd Andrews Organist: Javier Gonzalez

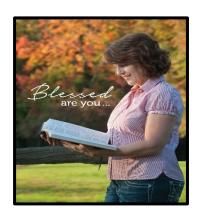
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Sarah Jackson

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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# Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 10:30 am

### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

#### **Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

**Prelude** On Wings of Song Mendelssohn/arr. Ernest A. Dicks

#### \*Call to Worship

Floyd Andrews

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

P: May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

P: May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

P: May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

<sup>°=2</sup> weeks

<sup>\*=4</sup> weeks on prayer list

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

P: May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

#### \*Unison Prayer

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment, and jealousy. Renew us in your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of your abundant love. Awaken us to the role we can play in healing your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear your word and move forward in faith. Amen.

\*Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

\***Hymn** Trust and Obey UMH 467

**Prayers of the People** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. Forgive us. Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.

#### Responsive Words of Pardon and Assurance

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach arr. Richard G. Appel

Penny Sunday

\*Prayer for the Offerings

\*Doxology UMH 94

**Gospel Reading** Luke 6:17-26

*Hymn* Give Thanks TFWS 2036

**Sermon** "Blessed to be a Blessing" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

\*Hymn How Firm a Foundation UMH 529

### **Responsive Benediction**

L: Beloved, go today in the blessing of Christ,

P: who calls you, equips you, and accompanies you as you live out God's justice and joy wherever you go!

All: Amen.

**Postlude** Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "Nettleton" David Lasky (You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

\*Please stand if you are able.