

January 18, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!  
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

**Pastoral Greeting:**

**Call to Worship:**

L: People of God, come and see the One who calls us by name.

**P: We come to see Jesus, the Lamb of God.**

L: Come and see the light that shines in the darkness.

**P: We come to follow the One who leads us into justice and peace.**

L: Come and see the God who lifts up the lowly and sets the captives free.

**P: We come to walk in the way of love.**

L: On this weekend when we remember the witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let us worship the God who calls us to courage, compassion, and community.

**All: We come with open hearts. We come with willing spirits. We come to worship God.**

**†Opening Hymn:**    “Lift Every Voice and Sing”    UMH #519

**Call to Prayer of Confession:**

L: God of justice and mercy, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful people. We have been silent when we should have spoken, comfortable when we should have been courageous, and indifferent when we should have acted in love.

**All: Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts. Stir our spirits. Call us again to follow Jesus in the way of justice, peace, and compassion.**

L: Hear the good news. God does not abandon us to our failures or our fears. In Jesus Christ, grace is given, mercy is poured out, and new beginnings are always possible.

**Words of Assurance:**

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

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

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**†Affirmation of Faith:**    “The Apostles Creed”

UMH #881

**†Gloria Patri:**

UMH #70

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

**Hebrew Testament:**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible Pg. 520

**Hebrew Testament:**

Psalm 40

UMH #774

**† New Testament Scripture:**    John 1:29-42

Pew Bible Pg. 750

**Hymn of Preparation:**

“In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful”

TFWS #2195

**Message:**

Jay W. Brown, CLM, OSL

**Special Music:**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:**

(see bulletin)

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:**

**\*The Doxology:**

“Praise God.....”

UMH #95

**†Closing Hymn:**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

**Benediction and Sending Forth:**

**Sending Forth:**

“Shalom to You”

UMH #666



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## **Church Annoucements!!!!**

### **Weekly Church Services:**

**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

**Weekly Bible Study: Tuesday's 6:30 p.m.  
at St. John's UMC, West Berlin**

### **Church Staff:**

**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

**Asst. to the Ministers: Jay W. Brown, CLM, OSL-Pastor  
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**Lay Leader & Secretary: Lettie-Jane White (856) 768-3416**

**Administrative Chairperson: Jack L. Turner, Jr.**

**Administrative Chairperson: (Emeritus) Roberta Suloff**

**Trustees Chairperson: Robert White**

**Please invite family and friends to view or follow us at  
our new location on YouTube.**

**“Wesley West Berlin”**

**Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. starting  
January 4, 2026.**



THE TIME IS ALWAYS  
**RIGHT**  
TO DO WHAT IS  
**RIGHT**  
*Martin Luther King Jr.*

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**“The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus  
Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love  
boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local  
communities and worldwide connections.”**