

February 2, 2025

4<sup>th</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:**

†**Opening Hymn:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” UMH #110

**Call to Worship:**

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**P: But who am I, that God should call me?**

L: You are a beloved child of God.

**P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.**

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

**P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. Amen**

**Call to Prayer of Confession:**

L: God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

**All: God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray. AMEN.**

**Words of Assurance:**

†**Affirmation of Faith:** “The Apostles Creed” UMH #881

†**Gloria Patri:** UMH #70

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**All: Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.**

**O.T. Scripture:** Psalm 71:1-6 UMH #794

†**N.T. Scripture:** Luke 4: 14–30 Pew Bible Pg. 727

**Hymn of Preparation:** “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

**Message:** “What Do You See When You Look at Me?”

**Special Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer and Concerns:** – (see bulletin insert)

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:**

**\*The Doxology:** “Praise God.....” UMH #95

**Holy Communion:**

†**Closing Hymn:** “I Will Call Upon the Lord” TFWS #2002

**Benediction:**

**Sending Forth:** “Make Me A Servant” TFWS #2176

## **Church Announcements!!!!**

### Weekly Church Services:

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

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

*Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

### Church Staff:

**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

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**Administrative Chairperson: Roberta Suloff**

**President of Trustees: Robert White**

**“Please invite family and friends to view or follow our  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.**

**This is the Zoom Meeting ID and Password:**

**Meeting ID: 894 5832 3418**

**Passcode: 14cZDy**

**You can also join the Zoom Meeting using the below:**

**<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89458323418?pwd=n2FzM6ebqSVsFOzPLKvxDIRgbJdFI0.1>**

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**Then he began  
to say to them**



***Today this scripture  
has been fulfilled  
in your hearing***

**Luke 4.21**

***The Mission of the United Methodist Church  
is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ”***