

February 9, 2025

5<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:** “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” UMH #462

**Call to Worship:**

L: Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

L: Christ’s call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

L: Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

L: Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ’s call together!

**All: God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.**

**Call to Prayer of Confession:**

L: Let us boldly confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Through your Spirit, we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future. Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We come together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit. 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: God of Exodus and Resurrection, we are grateful for the gift of Scripture. By the power of the Holy Spirit, enliven your Word, that we might know the good news and share it with others. For the sake of Christ we ask it. Amen.**

**O.T. Scripture:** Exodus 3:9-14 Pew Bible Pg. 41

**†N.T. Scripture:** I Corinthians 1:26-31 Pew Bible Pg. 807

**Hymn of Preparation:**

“I Bowed on my Knees and Cried Holy” Rev. J. Fortunato

**Message:**

“Ordinary People doing Extra-Ordinary Things.”  
Rev. Jerry Fortunato

**Pastoral Prayer and Concerns/ Lord’s Prayer:**

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:**

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

**†Closing Hymn:** “My Hope Is Built” UMH #368

**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 6:30 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=n2Fxm6ebqSVsFOzPLKvxDIrgbJdFI0.1>**

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**1 Corinthians 1.25**