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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Second Sunday after the Epiphany
***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

Prelude~ "Revelations 19:1"

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

***Opening Hymn~ "Love Lifted Me" - #504 AAHH**

Opening Prayer

***Offering**

Doxology~ "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"~#650 AAHH

Prayer of Illumination: 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.**

***The Scripture Readings**

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7: Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to

Ready to Join?

Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.

What are our membership vows?

Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.

These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Mark your Calendar

United Women in Faith: We welcome women of all ages to our 2026 UWF meetings, scheduled for the third Sunday of January, March, June, September, and November. Please come prepared to share your ideas on how we can best serve our church and community. For more information, please contact Omega Taylor at 301-904-6978.

Outreach ministry requests that on the **5th Sunday**, members bring the following items: tuna fish, salmon, chicken, corned beef, mayonnaise, and/or relish. Please place these items in the box located in the social hall.

The Annual Heritage Potluck is on February 22nd. Zion will close out Black History Month with its annual Heritage Potluck. Traditional dishes are requested. Please sign up to bring a dish. The sign-up sheet is located on the ushers' table. For additional information, please contact: Sis. Claudia Barnett or any member of the Kitchen Committee.



conference will take place March 20-22 in Ocean City, MD. If you would like to donate to the Youth ministry to cover registration and lodging, please mark your envelope accordingly. For questions, email Min. Kevin Harris at krharris2@gmail.com

bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

***Psalm Reading~ Psalm 40, Psalter #774-775, UMH**

Psalm 40:1-11

Ps. 40:11
Don E. Saliers

RESPONSE (General)

O Lord, do not with-hold your mer - cy;
let your stead - fast love pre - serve me.

R

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord,
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

² The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ The Lord put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and be in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord. R**

⁴ Blessed are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods!

⁵ **O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be numbered.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ **Then I said, "Lo, I come;
in the roll of the book it is written of me;**

⁸ **I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart." R**

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

**lo, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.**

¹⁰ I have not hid your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

¹¹ **O Lord, do not withhold
your mercy from me,
let your steadfast love and faithfulness
ever preserve me! R**

***Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation~ "Servant's Prayer"

***Gospel Reading:** John 1:29-42: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned

and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confession & Pardon & Peace~ pg. 8, UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-10, UMH

The Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Announcements

**Benediction~ Dr. Cummings*

