Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb 9. 2025

Beacon UMC. 9:15 a.m.

* Congregation stands if able and comfortable.

Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison

Readings on screen will appear in Italic for the leader and Bold for the congregation.

UMH – Red Hymnal FWS - Black Hymnal W&S – Green Hymnal

The service today will be live streaming on Facebook.

WE GATHER

LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS OUR MIDST

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying, "Peace be with you," and responding,, "And also with you."

*COMMUNITY GATHERS

W&S 3176

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God calls us to rest, not only for ourselves but for all people and all creation.

We come to embrace this gift of rest, knowing it is meant for every person, every creature, and the earth itself.

In this time of worship, we pause to reflect on the ways we may have denied others their rest.

We come seeking balance, equity, and justice in how we live and rest together.

Let us receive the gift of God's love, freely given to all, without exception.

We come to be restored, and to offer restoration to all.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious God, You have created rest as a gift for all of Your creation, yet we often forget to share that gift with others. Open our hearts and minds to see where we have neglected the rest of our neighbors. Help us to restore balance and equity so that everyone can experience renewal in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CENTERING MOMENT

Be still, My Soul

UMH 534, v. 1

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 25:1-19

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140, refrain

SERMON

The Gift of Rest

Rev. Nicole Maggs

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD
OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION

UMH 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of justice and renewal, as we offer these gifts, use them to break down the barriers that prevent others from finding rest. May our offerings bring balance, equity, and the fullness of Your love to every corner of our community. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION

How Great is Our God

W&S 3003

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

TFWS 2153

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Value Statement

We are a faith-centered community, ever growing in our discipleship. We welcome and engage all with dignity and respect. We go out into the community and spread our love of Christ through acts of kindness and compassion. We celebrate and share Christ's gift of unity and boundless love to all.

For your Information

Bathrooms are located below the Sanctuary or on the main floor in our education building.. To access the bathrooms during the service you may use the steps in the Narthex (located through the double doors behind the pews), or exit the sanctuary on the front left. There are infant changing tables in both bathrooms of the education building.

Children are always welcome in worship. To strengthen the faith of our young disciples, there are worship activity bags at the entrances to the sanctuary. We invite them to take a bag into worship and return the bags before you leave. A quiet room is available in the back of the worship space for parents and young disciples who might want a little more space to move around during worship.

Join in for a Lenten bible study March 6th through April 10th! In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. Join Pastor Nicole in this 6-week small group study and conversation!







We Pray For.... Prayer for Remay's husband, Tom, who is recovering from surgery. Pray for **Linda** (a member of Open Door) who is having health issues. Prayers for Maureen Sodon, who is struggling with health issues. Prayers for Suzanne, who is battling cancer. Prayers for Charlie, Grace Farrell's husband, as he battles cancer. Prayers for the victim families and community of Los Angeles.

Our Maturing Disciples.... Connie Binder, Dave Hermanson, Edythe Daley, Janet Hofmann, Eleanor Ramming, and Bob Schoeffling.

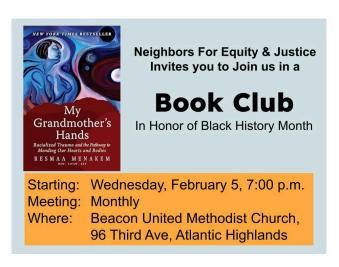
Our College Students... Abigail Spears, Patrick Seeley, Megan Seeley, Christopher Carriera, Josh Winters, Rett Schnoor, Scott Melski and Ellie Conover.

We Keep in Prayer: Our family, our friends, neighbors, the church, the community, the world, and all God's children everywhere.

**The Prayer Team will pray for any request. Contact Pastor Nicole or the Church Office if you have a request to share.

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs pastoral care, please contact Pastor Nicole at 732-359-2189 or pastornicolehamilton@gmail.com

All are welcome. Meets Monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month! Questions? Contact Carolyn Conover 310-850-1940 or carolynconover1@gmail.



Join in Mission and Ministry

Thursday, Feb 13

Food Pantry 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 16

Worship In Person & Online 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School** 9:15 a.m.

Monday, Feb 17

Trustee Meeting 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 19

Open Door 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Socializer - Oasis 2:00 p.m. Al Anon 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 20

Food Pantry 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 23

Worship In Person & Online 9:15 a.m. **Sunday School** 9:15 a.m.

Monday, Feb 24

Church Council 7:00 p.m. **AA Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

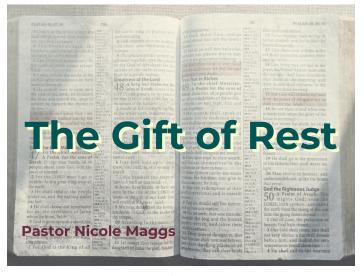
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Applications located in the Narthex, online and in the newsletter.

DUE APRIL 15TH

Please email to office@beaconumc.org Or drop off in the office basket.





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CustodianMaria Josephine R	ojas
Worship Leader Joe McCar	ron
Usher/GreetersKaren Jarmusz & Jeannette Lingelb	oach
Food Pantry Hours Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–Noon & 5 p.m7:00	p.m

Office Hours CCCLI # 1984260

Tuesday-Thursday Streaming License # CSPL137101

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9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m