

February 2nd, 2025

4th Sunday Sunday After Epiphany

Preludes: "Praise You in the Storm"
"Oceans"
"Revelation Song"

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer:

In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion. In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy. May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing, and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world. Amen.

*Song of Praise

"The Heart of Worship"

Children's Message

"Jesus Walks Away"

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

The New Testament Lesson: Luke 4:21-30

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH 261

Message: Where You Are Part 1: Embracing the Familiar
Week 3

"In Your Hometown"

Music Ministry

"Great Are You Lord"

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

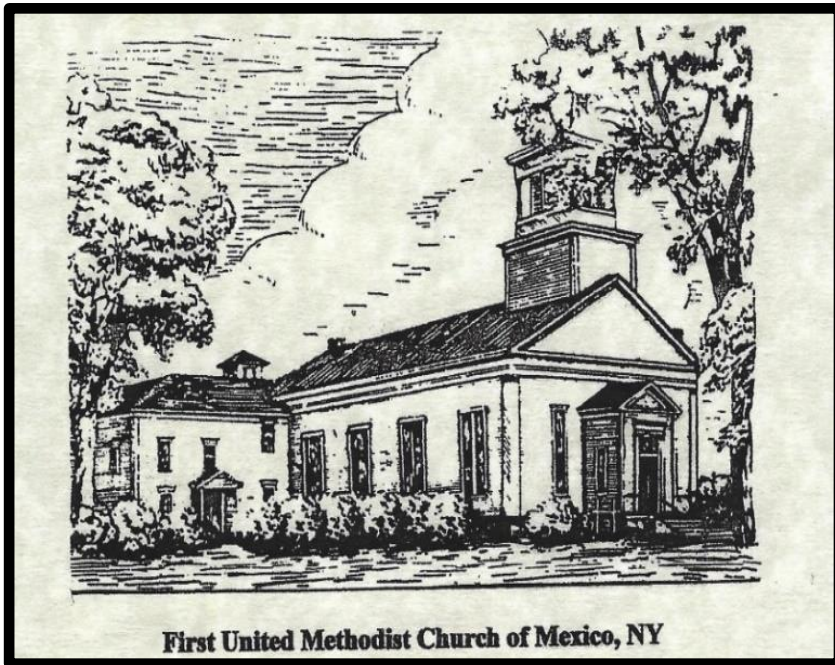
"Here I Am , Lord"

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Benediction

**“Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.”**

**First United
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**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**



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