



PRELUDE

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
&
CELEBRATIONS



**Bringing In The Light of
Christ**

Call to Worship

Leader: Have this mind among yourselves, which is your in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

People: **But made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

Call to Worship

Leader: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: **Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

Call to Worship

Leader: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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WORDS and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.





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Open my eyes,
that I may see
glimpses of truth
thou hast for me;
place in my hands
the wonderful key
that shall unclasp
and set me free.

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A young child with light skin and blonde hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a white shirt. Their hands are clasped together in front of their face in a prayerful gesture. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

Silently now
I wait for thee,
ready, my God,
thy will to see.
Open my eyes,
illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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Open my ears,
that I may hear
voices of truth
thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes
fall on my ear,
everything false
will disappear.

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Open my mouth,
and let me bear
gladly the warm
truth everywhere;
open my heart
and let me prepare
love with thy children
thus to share.

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Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior
Jesus Christ is the light
of the world: Grant that your people,
illuminated by your Word and
Sacraments, may shine with the
radiance of Christ's glory, that he
may be known, worshiped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
with you and the Holy Spirit lives and
reigns, one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.



Young Disciple's Message

"God Calls Samuel"





Passing of the Peace

Prayers for Illumination

**Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart,
Which no unworthy affection may drag
downward;**

**Give me an unconquered heart,
Which no tribulation can wear out;**

**Give me an upright heart,
Which no unworthy purpose may tempt
aside.**



Prayers for Illumination

Bestow on me also, O Lord my God,

Understand to know you,

Diligence to seek you,

Wisdom to find you,

**And a faithfulness that may finally
embrace you;**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Romans 10: 9-10

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.



A close-up photograph of a dense field of small, vibrant purple flowers, likely Verbena. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing their individual petals. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage. In the top right corner, there is a decorative graphic element consisting of several overlapping, light-colored circles and swirls.

Psalm 65; 5-12

⁵ By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation,

**Who is the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of the farthest seas,**

⁶ **who by your strength established the
mountains being girded with might,**

⁷ who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of
their waves,

The tumult of the peoples.

⁸ So that those who dwell at earth's fatherst bounds
are afraid at your signs;

**You make the morning and evening
Resound with joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
You greatly enrich it.

**The river of God is full of water
You provide its grain,
For so you have prepared it.**

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges;
softening it with showers and blessing its growth.

¹¹ **You crown the year with your bounty,
The tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.**

¹² The pastures of the wilderness drip,
The hills gird themselves with joy.

John 3: 16 - 18

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Glory Be to the Father

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WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the
beginning,
is now, and ever shall
be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Today's Message

"Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?"

“I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH 419

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**I am thine, O Lord,
I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise
in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.**

“I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH 419

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**Draw me nearer,
nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer,
nearer blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

“I Am Thine, O Lord” UMH 419

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**Consecrate me now
to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up
with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.**



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**O the pure delight
of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer,
and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!**

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**There are depths of love
that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy
that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.**



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AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

UMH 882

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven
and earth.



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I believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

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On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

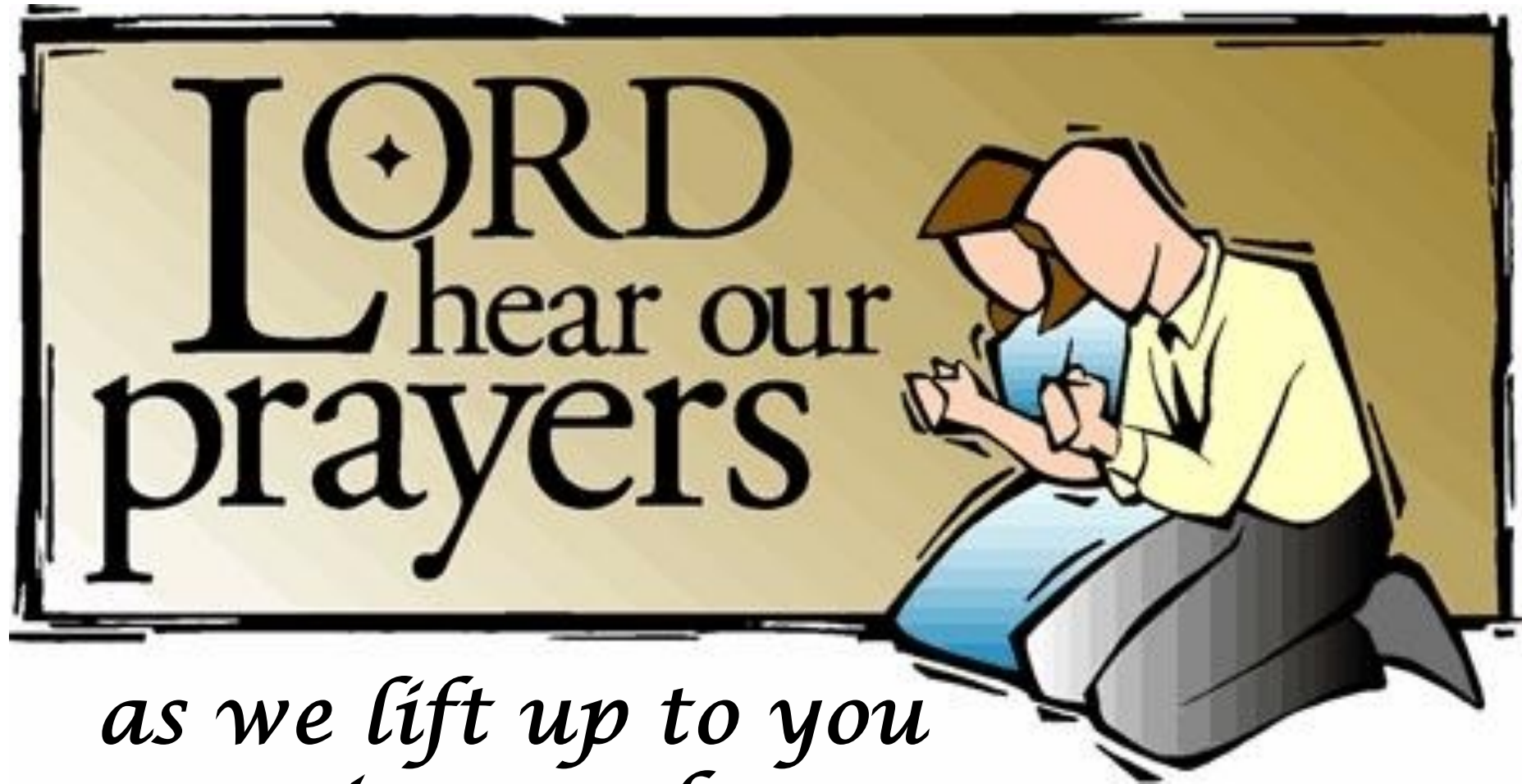
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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE



*as we lift up to you
our joys and our
concerns.*



PASTORAL PRAYER

Tithes & Offerings

Worship through Giving



"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A background image showing two hands holding a white cross against a bright, hazy sky. The hands are positioned on either side of the cross, with fingers spread. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

Offertory Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.



The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us.

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

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I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
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I will give my life to them.

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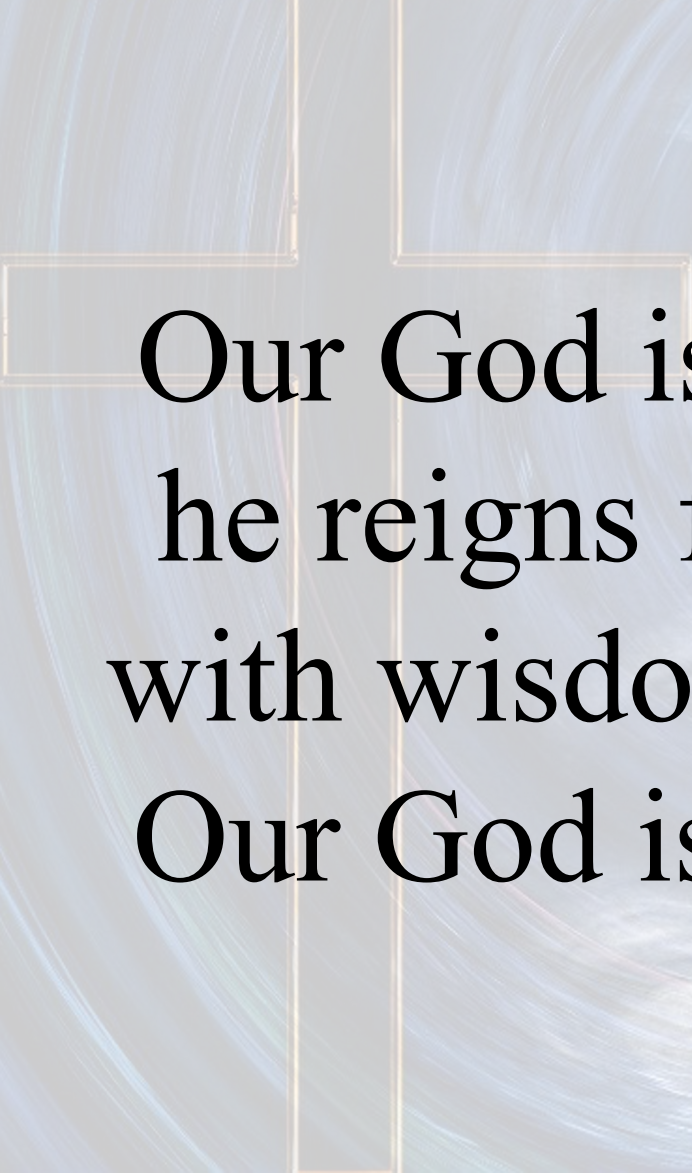


BENEDICTION

“Awesome God” TFWS 2040

WORDS and MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

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he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love.
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Questions for Reflection

A scenic landscape featuring a wooden bridge spanning a calm river. The river's surface is still, reflecting the bridge and the surrounding environment. On either side of the river, there are numerous trees heavily laden with snow, creating a serene winter scene. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is visible, their peaks and ridges also covered in snow. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

“What did you learn from today’s sermon?”

Blessing



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

**Serving God with
Prayer, Action, and Love
through Service.**

