

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 15, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

\*Please stand as you are able

### ENTRANCE

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC** Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Will Waller  
**STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION**  
**CHIMING THE HOUR**  
**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*—Smith Mrs. Meeks, Organist  
**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

### GREETING

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** Steve Angle, Liturgist  
L: Praise God, who created all that is.  
**P: Thanks be to God, who is on our side.**  
L: Praise God, who rescues us in times of need.  
**P: Thanks be to God, who is on our side.**  
L: Praise God, who welcomes all into God's reign.  
**P: Thanks be to God, who is on our side. Amen.**

\***HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Worship the King* No. 73  
\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN** *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233  
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Waller  
*(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Esther 2:9-17 Old Testament pg. 424  
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Esther: Me?* Rev. Waller

**OFFERTORY** *On Eagle's Wings*—Larson Katie Meeks, Flute  
*(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)*

\***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94  
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!

\***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ANTHEM** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*—Schrader Chancel Choir

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CALL TO PRAYER** *Cares Chorus* TFWS No. 2215  
I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Bruce Tuttle

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy  
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### SENDING FORTH

\***CLOSING HYMN** *God Will Take Care of You* No. 130

\***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

\***BENEDICTION** Rev. Tuttle

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As We Go*  
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

\***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

\***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

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**Serving Today:**

Liturgist: Steve Angle

Greeters: Nathan, Jovie and Georgia Angle

Acolyte: Audrey Mitchell

Usher: Benny Gibson

Children's Church: Ruth Cook

Nursery: Terry Moran

Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

**Serving Next Week (January 22):**

Liturgist: Bill Cooper

Greeters: Tim and Sandra Funk

Acolyte: Miles Gibson

Usher: Conrad Lavinder

Children's Church: Linda Handy

Nursery: Avery Tosh

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Paul and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).**

**Forget-Me-Nots:**

**Eleanor Woody**

**Will Waller, Pastor  
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister  
Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant  
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator  
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

### **Meetings and Announcements:**

- **Sunday, January 15**      **5:00 p.m.**, Youth Meeting  
                                  **6:30 p.m.**, Youth Parents' Meeting
  
- **Monday, January 16**    **February Newsletter Deadline**  
                                  **7:00 p.m.**, Boy Scouts
  
- **Tuesday, January 17**    **7:00 p.m.**, Finance Committee Meeting  
                                  **7:00 p.m.**, Jubilant Ringers
  
- **Wednesday, January 18** **5:00 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday  
                                  **5:15 p.m.**, Children's Ministry Meeting  
                                  **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir
  
- **Thursday, January 19**    **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts
  
- **Friday, January 20-**  
  **Sunday, January 22**    **High Schoolers' Ski Trip**
  
- **Next Sunday, January 22** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups  
                                  **10:55 a.m.**, Worship
  
- **Tuesday, January 24**    **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**  
                                  **12:00 p.m.**, Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch  
                                  **7:00 p.m.**, Church Council Meeting
  
- **Thursday, January 26**    **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**  
                                  **5:00 p.m.**, New Member Class
  
- **Sunday, February 5**      **Following Worship, "Share the Love" Potluck**

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

This Sunday, we're introducing the members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. They support the pastor and staff with encouragement and evaluation, as well as make appointment suggestions to the bishop for the pastor, establish protocols for hiring and firing, and propose salaries for the church budget. Here are the members of that committee:

Chairperson—Kelly Peterson  
Lay Leader—Tammy Burdick  
Lay Member to Annual Conference—Linda Dunlap  
2023 - PD Hambrick, Charlotte Hill, Kelly Peterson  
2024 - Brenda Wright, Susan Hatchett, Will English  
2025 - Melissa Osborne, Rhonda Chapman, Jeff Worley

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You all are invited to a special reception held in honor of Becca and Rev. Bruce Tuttle in the Atrium immediately following the service. Come and meet with them, they'd love to see you!

There will be an open new member class on January 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the office (2nd floor). If you have been considering joining the church and would like to know more about the church, please attend that evening.

Join RMUMC for a potluck lunch on Sunday, February 5 after worship in the church fellowship hall to "share the love" with church members, families, and friends. We will celebrate LOVE and just have lots of FUN! Bring all your family and friends and a potluck dish to share.

The Franklin County Office of Aging is holding its seventh annual "Soup for Seniors" non-perishable food collection during the month of January and will end the first week in February. The food items needed for the elderly include low sodium soups, crackers, canned meat, and peanut butter. Please no glass containers or expired items. Your items can be put in the plastic bin in the Narthex or you may take the donations directly to the Office of Aging, Essig Center, 295 Technology Drive. Thank you so much for helping to end senior hunger in our community!

Copies are available of the 2023 officers, outside of the sanctuary, in the narthex.

We are collecting rice and cereal for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!