

7th Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023 9:30 AM

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Gathering

Welcome

Procession

\*Call to Worship

One: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain.

**All: Knowing that when our spirits have grown cold, God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

One: We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life.

**All: Knowing that while friends may turn against us, God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**

One: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope.

**All: Knowing that even when life is no picnic, God prepares a feast for us.**

\*Opening Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and with one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

\*Hymn "The Gift of Love" UMH 408

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon Jesus and the Law Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" UMH 664

\*Blessing and Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn

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Jean Reed is collecting prescription bottles of all sizes...

**We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers**

Joan Alsever, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Chris Billings, Carol Blood, Yvonne Boone family, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Roy Callahan, Dave Calloway and his wife, Csanady Family, Darlene Cushman's family, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, Jessica Favret, Pat Finley, **Family of Baby Graham Geschke**, Lynn Gibbons, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Paul and Judy Hoffman, Ellie Hunter, Carole Isenstadt, family of Dean Jestes, Kurek family, **Carol Levigne**, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Henry Meyers, Family of Cecile Michon, family of Kirk Miller, **Craig Moore**, Brian Morton, Eric Pagel, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Mark Poertner, Family of Bob Quisenberry, Tiffany Rider, Scott Robert, Dana Rosendahl, Family of

Ed Scott, Julie Shachochis, Pat Sievers, Bob Smith, Jill Spicher, Nancy Talbot, Sharon Truedel, Don Weinberg, Bud Whitehead, Jamie Whitehead, Ron Whitehead, family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt

**Long-term prayer concerns:** Karyn Brandel, Coolidge Family, Cunningham Family, Jerry Fowler, Karen Goles, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Michael Smith, Dustin Summers, Harding Wescott, Ryan Whitehead and his family, Tony Zile

**Thank you** to our Greeters and Ushers – Tom and Brenda Weldon

**Thank you** to our Liturgist – Tom Weldon

**Bible Study Opportunities**

- Sunday School – following the service at Emory
- 10 AM Monday at Gary Memorial – Mysteries of the Messiah
- 10 AM Tuesday at Emory – Living with Pain
- 6:30 PM Tuesday at Gary Memorial – Mysteries of the Messiah

**Mission Outreach**

The homeless shelter on Route 1 is in need of men's jeans - waist size 30" 31" and 32" in any length. Please bring any donations to the church and they will be delivered to those in need.