

2nd Sunday after Epiphany – January 16th, 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 103: 1-5)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with *steadfast love* and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **Amen!**

Opening Hymn*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Creating God, Redeeming Christ, and Sustaining Holy Spirit – Life of Life to All Creation –
Thank you for the gift of life and the gift of this day. You are the breath that we
breathe. You are the beating of our hearts. You are the song in our mouths. You are
the work of our hands. You are the steps of our feet. Guide us in all of our comings and
goings. Let us be your people, the work of your hands, the dust of the earth, the mud of
the ground, your imperfect creation, which is to live and walk and grow into the fullness
of your image each day. Restore us, more and more, into that perfect likeness, we pray.
Amen.

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Jory Fisher

Words of Assurance

Thanks be to our God, who forgives all our sins,
Thanks be to our God, who offers healing and life.
Thanks be to our God, who snatches us from death's dark grip.
Thanks be to our God, who enfolds us in tender care.
Thanks be to God, who fills our lives with richness, and lifts us up on eagle's wings.
Thanks be to God, who declares victory over sin and death! Amen!

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also with you. Amen.**

Special Music

BAUMC Quartet

Old Testament Reading

Jory Fisher

Sermon

"Ruth"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Organ Music

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

You Are Mine

TFWS 2218

Benediction

Organ Postlude



Continuing Prayers

Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Cora Cole, Pat Grahe, Betty Grimm, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, John Hieber, Libby Horn, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Sandy Juchs, Lynn King, Tim Knabe, Carol Lingelbach, Ted Lingelbach, Wayne Mason, Bruce Middlekauff, Dick Moen, Sally Moen, Alice Paradise, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Ron Stearn, Steve Strawbridge, Sr., Shirley Yantz

**Generosity is a Gift of the Spirit!
It does not depend on what you have. It depends on who you are,
And what God is doing through you!**

Thank you for all of those who are returning your pledge cards. It helps us plan our Ministries & Missions, M&Ms, for the new year. If you need a 2022 pledge card, we have plenty of extra copies in the narthex. Our ushers should be able to assist you.

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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah (Matthew 1:1-6a)

1 An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram,⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon,⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse,⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and spring time harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. **Refrain**

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. **Refrain**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! **Refrain**