

# 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, Human Relations Day

**January 15, 2017 11:00 am**

*"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)*

**Prelude** Sandy Griese

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

L: Jesus said, "Come unto Me."

**P: We have come to experience the presence of Christ.**

L: Jesus said, "Go into the world and make disciples."

**P: When we leave we will say to others, "Come and see."**

L: God be with us as we gather and as we scatter.

**P: God be with us as we come, and as we go. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" **UMH 77**

## Lighting of the Candles

### \*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**"Holy God, may our lives be like polished arrows in the quiver of Your love; may our intentions be pure and may our words be true, as we proclaim Your salvation. Call us once again, O God, as You called Isaiah, to deliver news of Your goodness and mercy into a world of brokenness and pain. May Your salvation reach the ends of the earth, Your mercy to the farthest shores. Amen."**

## Children's Message

**Hymn Response** "I Love to Tell the Story" (v.1) **UMH 156**

**New Testament** **Isaiah 49: 1-7**  
**Gospel Reading** **John 1: 29-42** John Bowman

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Faith** "I Know Whom I Have Believed" **UMH 714**

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

**Message** "What Are You Seeking?" Rev. Wayne Chung  
*God works through people. John witnessed to Andrew, who witnessed to his brother, Simon. Through witnesses, God's salvation will reach to the ends of the earth. "Come and see!"*

### Responsorial Prayer (in unison)

**"Merciful God, it is easy to succumb to despair, fearing we will never really make a difference. Ease our minds and heal our broken spirits. Remind us that though we may not speak words like Isaiah, we can still invite others onto the journey with us, as Andrew invited his brother Simon to meet Jesus. Give us the courage and the faith to boldly proclaim: 'Come and see!' Amen."**

### Giving in Response to God's Love

**Offertory** Sandy Griese

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Pass It On" **UMH 572**

### Sending Forth God's Light and Love

**\*Hymn Response** "Amen" **UMH 898**

**Postlude** Sandy Griese

### Lection Reading for Following Sunday

**Isaiah 9:1-4** **Psalms 27:1, 4-9** **1 Corinthians 1:10-18** **Matthew 4:12-23**

### OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Our Prayers:** Family and Friends of Jim Daniels who passed away on January 6, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Minerva Moreland, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Ove Kongsted – father of Debbie Holloway, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Those who travel

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*Today's altar flowers are presented with love by Kathy Thorne, Shari Thorne-Sulima & Jim Sulima and Karen, Doug, Nicholas & Cameron Boyd in celebration of Wayne Thorne's 80th birthday on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. We love you, Big Wayne!*

