JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

January 7, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Today is a "dual celebration" of both The Epiphany (when the wise men brought gifts to Jesus) and the Baptism of Jesus. Did you ever read The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis? If so, the sermon title may sound familiar: "Need-Love + Gift-Love." Lewis wrote, "Need-love cries to God from our poverty; Gift-love longs to serve, or even to suffer for, God." In the sermon, we will journey into how these two loves are present in the spiritual life.

Today is also **Communion Sunday**. At Judson, we practice Open Communion, which means all are invited to the table! All means all. Are you a child of God? Then you pass the test.

Peace of Christ be with you,

Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the first Sunday of each month, all cash placed in the offering plates goes to **Starfish Ministries**, a joint ministry of Judson Church and Bethlehem Lutheran. All funds go to people in south Minneapolis who need help paying rent, utilities, and food.

SHAPAN ORPHANAGE. Thank You! Last Sunday (December 31), we were short $416.49 of meeting our goal of $5,000. We ended up with $5,038 at the end of the day. An anonymous donor has agreed to match our $5,000 with a gift of $5,000. Your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you again!

Next week, the service will be led by Judson's Racial Justice Team. They will lead a service centered on the life of Dr. King and reparations. It is not to be missed.

TAILS OF LAUGHING FOX CONCERT



Please plan to join us on January 20th for the Tails of Laughing Fox Concert at 7 pm, Judson Church Sanctuary. Michael Charette (Laughing Fox) is an artist, musician, writer, performer, and member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Ojibwe). As a self-taught Native American flute player, he enhances his stories with flute music and storytelling performances. Pay-what-you-can (suggested $20).

PLANET CARE ROAD SHOW

Join us on Sunday, January 28, for the second hour. We welcome the Spirit of Peace Spiritual Community as they present "Planet Care Road Show." You will meet "Old Tree" and "Turtle," who, with music and narration, tell us a universal story. Many small changes by many people *can make all the difference* for the health of the planet that we share. The Judson Climate Justice Team of Judson.



SPIRITUAL VOYAGERS-The next Spiritual Voyager Bible study will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Did you know that we serve frozen meals to over 75 clients every week? We deliver those meals in handled paper bags. So, we are always in need of HANDLED paper bags. If you have any to donate, they can be dropped off at Judson church, 4101 Harriet Ave S. There is a yellow covered bin by the red door that paper bags can be placed in anytime. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Events coming up in February and March –

February 11 **Jazz Sunday – 9:30 am** Before the season of Lent in minor keys and fasting, we feast on the jazz of the Judson All-Stars Jazz Band during the morning celebration.

Empty Bowls – 10:30 am The 13th Annual Kingfield Empty Bowls event will occur on "Soup-er Bowl" in the fellowship hall. Once again, we welcome our community to come together to fight hunger and homelessness in our area while sharing a delicious meal and lively conversation.

March 10 **Minneapolis Trombone Choir Concert 3 pm** Celebrate the 48th of this yearly concert at Judson. The music spans from classical to jazz, as well as pieces written for the choir by members of the choir itself. Jim ten Bensel is the director. All proceeds go to the Judson Music Program.

Silent Auction March 10 to March 17. More details to come.

March 17 **Requiem Concert – written by Judson's very own Douglas Weatherhead, 3 pm.** Performed by the Judson Church Choir with Chamber Orchestra. Dr. John David De Haan, conductor.

THIS WEEK AT JUDSON

January 7	**Worship Service / 9:30 am / Sanctuary**
	Special music by Last Pew on the Left
January 8	**Congregational Care Meeting / 10 am / Zoom**
	Finance Meeting / 7 pm / Zoom
January 9	**Staff Meeting / 10 am / Library**
	Building Use Committee / 2 pm / Library
	Spiritual Voyageurs / 7 pm / Zoom
January 10	**Choir Rehearsal / 7 pm / Sanctuary**
January 11	**Mahjongg at Judson / 7 pm / Ann Judson Room**
January 13	**Mpls Trombone Choir Rehearsal / 3 pm / Sanctuary**
January 14	**Worship Service / 9:30 am / Sanctuary**
	Led by the Racial Justice Team
January 15	**Office closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**