

**Welcome to Church of Christ**  
**January 19, 2025 ~ Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Prelude**      *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* - P. Nicolai (1556-1608)

**Call to Worship** (taken from Ps. 146)      ~Ruth Adotte

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**People: God, who made heaven and earth,  
who keeps faith forever.**

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn 96**      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Vs 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Vs 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids us to proclaim, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

Vs 4 He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Vs 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

**Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**Anthem**      *Keep God's Light* - M. Patterson

**Scripture:**      Luke 4:14 - 30

~Ruth Adotte

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Sermon**      "The Lord's Favor"

**Light of Service**      *UCC Wildfires 2025 Appeal*

~Jane Williams

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

**Offertory**      *Shine, Jesus, Shine* - G. Kendrick

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates**

### **Sharing Prayer Concerns**

### **Silent Prayer and Meditation**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Hymn 575** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Vs 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to make your people whole.

Vs 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Vs 4 Called from worship to your service,forward in your name we go to the child, the youth, the aged,love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your children, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

### **Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* - K. Hildebrand (b. 1973)

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns** and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, [reverendole@gmail.com](mailto:reverendole@gmail.com)).

Members needing our prayers: Patty Cammilletti; Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse; Linda Creedon; Bonnie Greenwood; Holly Kelsey; Will Kelsey; Arlene Patten; Dan Patten; Cindy Sinclair; John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends: Annattie P.; Eric; Jo; Donna Aakjar (Nancy Perry's sister); Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte); Jay Atkinson; Robert Battis (Leslie's father); Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend); Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father); Joanie and George Eggering; John Funchion; Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle); Judy Green; Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son); Nathan Hazeman (friend of David Bourne); Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin); Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother); Bethany Lee; Serena Livingston (Kristin Mudge); Kathy Loomis (substitute pastor); Lynne Martin (Ruth Adotte); Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte); Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family; Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott; Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams); Ryan Sterba; Rob Thew; Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister); Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock); Judi Welch

Those who are grieving the families of: Jack Bowman; Kerry Garside; Stephen Getz; George Green; Jackie Hamad; The Rev. Paul Heller; Don Martin; Will Martin; Avery Nelson; Micahel Palmieri; Aaron Pelletier; Sue Pratt; Owen Simmons; Mary Sager

In the wider community: Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey); Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela); The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence; the people impacted by recent hurricanes Helene and Milton; the people of Syria, particularly the Christian community.