

Welcome to Church of Christ
January 18, 2026 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Welcome

Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!

Prelude *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - P. Manz*

Call to Worship

~Tina Olsen

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

**People: We hope with our hearts to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and we pray for the chance to enter into God's temple.**

Leader: God will hold me under the cover of the sacred tent;
The Lord will set me high on a rock.

**People: I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hymn 93 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the One who frees the prisoner, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Vs 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word. Praise the One who drove our demons with a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand. From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Vs 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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 *Peace* - arr. R.A. Nichols

Scripture John 2:13-25

~Tina Olsen

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Sermon "The Temple's Role"

Hymn 615 *Community of Christ*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Community of Christ, who make the cross your own, live out your creed and risk your life for God alone: the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong, whose children are of every race and every song.

Vs 2 Community of Christ, look past the church's door and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor. Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street, take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.

Vs 3 Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound - cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round: disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy, turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

Vs 4 When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done, the climate of the world be peace and Christ its sun; our currency be love and kindness our law, our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.

Light of Service *Creation Justice Ministries*

~David & Elizabeth Bourne

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!

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).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Elizabeth Norman, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kelly, Kim, Susannah, Katie B., Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Andrea Bargabos (Liz Allyn's friend), Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father), Lisa Dedon, John Eggering (Debbie Storrs), Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Allen Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Shaw Mudge (Grant Mudge's brother), Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family, Nash Pradhan, Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Thatcher Rupert (Emily King), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Wendy Sullenberger (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmont

Those who are grieving

the families of:

Ernest Dibble, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Joanne Hohmeister, Lori Hoyt, Jimmy Irving, Harold King, John Marinelli, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, Avery Nelson, Mary Sager

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and Venezuela and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Syria, particularly the Christian community, St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, The people of Venezuela, Creation Justice Ministries