

**Peace United Church of Christ  
January 18th, 2026  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:30am**



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?  
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord;

**To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

And to behold the beauty of the Lord,

**For God will shelter me in the day of trouble, and set me on a rock.**

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage!**

Let us worship God.

\*Song *Blessed Assurance* #473, *New Century Hymnal*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;**

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**Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;**  
**Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Refrain:**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;**

**Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's**

**Refrain:**

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, your wonders are all around us! In Jesus you come to us and share our common lot. Your Spirit gives us breath and sustains the life of the world. But amid crisis, we find it hard to believe and hard to trust. Lord have mercy on us! Instill in us a hunger for your living word enfleshed in Christ. Strengthen our faith, give us hope and ground us in love. Amen.**

Friends let us proclaim together the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are claimed, loved and forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Darlene Leafgren, reader

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen

you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthem

*Lamb of God*, the Iona Community

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

Rev. Tom Liddle

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Tom Liddle

Song

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#506, *New Century Hymnal*

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer!  
Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Community Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sung Amen

Offertory

MLK, U2

\*Doxology

**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!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Song

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

#472, *New Century Hymnal*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the shadows appear and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:

Lyn Kaim, Greeter

Nadine & Guy Hubert, Ushers

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Kirby & Cathy Wood and Maggie & Craig Lilja, Coffee Hour Volunteers