



CHRISTUNITED

Methodist Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | Sunday, January 28, 2024 | 8:45 AM | 9:45 AM | 11 AM

THE CHURCH GATHERS AND PROFESSES ITS FAITH

Greeting

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We are branches, on the vine of Christ.

People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

Pastor: The branches that remain on the vine bear much fruit.

People: We come because we long to be spiritually strong.

Pastor: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

All: We gather for worship now to the glory of God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn | UMH 547

O Church of God, United (ELLACOMBE)

*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version UMH 881

Sacrament of Holy Baptism | 11AM

Luke Randolph Nguyen

Tony and Lindsay Nguyen, parents

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Time | 11 AM

Hymn of Preparation | UMH 700

Abide with Me | verses 1-3

(EVENTIDE)

Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-17 NRSV NT p. 109 | SPARK p. 1192

Sermon

3 Big Questions: Belonging

Rev. Chris Dowd

Anthem | 8:45 AM

Beloved by Miller

Michelle Conway

Today's flowers are given by Gloria Dedman in loving memory of her husband, Earl, on his 83rd birthday.

The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)

The Faith We Sing (TFWS)

**Please stand as you are able.*

Anthem | 9:45 + 11 AM

Beloved by Miller

Sanctuary Choir

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

Offertory

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace arr. Wagner

Carillon Ringers

*Doxology | UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH

*Closing Hymn | UMH 555

Forward Though the Ages (ST. GERTRUDE)

New Member Recognition

Benediction

Benediction Response | TFWS 2280

The Lord Bless and Keep You by Strathdee

Postlude | 9:45 & 11 AM

Fanfare by Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Children's Service | Feb 14 | Underwood Hall | 6 PM
Traditional Service | Feb 14 | Sanctuary | 7 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Wonderfully Made | Feb 22-24 | 5th + 6th Graders
A Christian-based human sexuality workshop designed for 5th & 6th grades.

Contact: kristin@cumc.com | REG REQUIRED

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Manna Group | Thursdays | 6:30 PM | N154
Women 50's & 60's - Join us for fellowship, education, support, discussion, and service as we connect with fellow Christian women.

Registration: cumc.com/biblestudies

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Family Broadway Café After Party | Tonight | 5-7 PM
Join us in celebrating a successful Broadway Café! Youth and their families are welcome.
Contact: kenzie@cumc.com

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Men's Chorus - Come join us! No audition necessary!
Next Rehearsals: Feb 11 at 3 PM | Feb 14 at 8 PM
Next Performance: Feb 18 | All Services
Contact: ben@cumc.com

SERVING OTHERS MINISTRIES

Tableware Drive | Jan 28 - Feb 13 | Atrium
Benefiting Journey of Hope Grief Support Org.
monthly family dinners. Donate paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, lemonade mix (can).
Contact: betsy@cumc.com

CARE MINISTRIES

The Assisted Living Ministry Team is looking for individuals who can assist on a rotating basis to help lead Sunday worship at a local community.
Contact: mike@cumc.com

PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER

Feb 13 | 6 PM

Enjoy a guest pancake artist + dinner to support our local missions.

Learn More + Register: cumc.com/connect

MEET OUR STAFF

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CLERGY:

Rev. Chris Dowd | Senior Pastor

Rev. Raegan Gilliland | Pastor of Outreach & Engagement

Rev. Mike Flynn | Pastor of Care Ministries

Rev. Julie Henson | Pastor of Modern Worship & Adult Discipleship

Rev. Don Underwood | Pastor Emeritus & Director of Donor Relations

MUSIC & WORSHIP:

Ben Turner | Director of Music Ministries and Youth Choir

Nancy Laine | Associate Director of Music & Organist

Angie Hawkins | Children's Music Coordinator

MINISTRY AREAS:

Kristin Steed | Director of Children's Ministries

Kenzie Ericson | Director of Youth Ministries

Betsy Crawford | Director of Serving Others Ministries

Denise Stavely | Director of Children's Discovery Center

Josh Beasley | Director of Sports & Recreation

**SCAN TO
SIGN-IN & GIVE**

