



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 17, 2021, 10:00AM

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Common English Bible)

L: ¹Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

P: ²**You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.**

L: ³You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

P: ⁴**There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.**

L: ⁵You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.

P: ⁶**That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.**

L: ¹³You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's
womb.

P: ¹⁴**I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.**

L: ¹⁵My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,

P: **when I was being woven together in the deep parts
of the earth.**

L: ¹⁶Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written
that was being formed for me,

P: **before any one of them had yet happened.**

L: ¹⁷God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!

P: ¹⁸**If I tried to count them—
they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.**

*OPENING HYMN

189 Fairest Lord Jesus

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
Our prayers are in your heart

In Our Prayers..

Bev Schmidt

Jim Knight

Burt & Carol Hersom

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Irene Goff

Carol Ensley

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

**The loved ones of those who passed away, including:*

Mae Stevens

**Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

**Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

**All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154.*

Thank You!

even before they are on our lips.

And yet we must utter our prayers.

We must proclaim our praise of you and all your wondrous creation.

Your love surrounds us

and you have promised to be with us always.

You know our hearts' desire to serve you.

We pray that you will keep us true to that desire.

And so we utter our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

***SCRIPTURE READINGS John 4:19-26**

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

Back to the Basics 3: Worship in the Spirit and in Truth

***CLOSING HYMN**

453 More Love to Thee, O Christ

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

2158 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

POSTLUDE

God is Good!

#189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

453 "More Love To Thee, O Christ"

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to thee
;more love to thee, more love to thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!
3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

2154 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

1. 1 I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Refrain
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
2. 2 Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Refrain
3. 3 When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
Refrain

Birthdays...

18 Tricia Adams
21 Mary King
Mark Weisbrod
22 Mark Frederick
24 Dale Siebrecht
Heath Hoch

Anniversaries...

25 Alan & Tracey Mattice

Empowering EFUMC Ministry

1/10/2020

General Fund	\$	990.00
Trustees	\$	573.00
<u>Utica Church</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>210.00</u>
Total	\$	1,773.00

January/February Liturgists

1/17 Lex Kassel
1/24 Deb Wickman
1/31 Kyle Kogel
2/7 TBA
2/14 TBA
2/21 TBA
2/28 TBA

**We will return to
In person Worship
In the Sanctuary
Beginning
January 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

Worship Services are livestreamed

Three ways to Livestream the Worship Service:

Search for Emmetsburg First UMC on YouTube

www.facebook.com/EmmetsburgFUMC/

zoom.us/j/7128522154

***Contact the church for the password**