

**Who Are We?**

We are a welcoming church that wants everyone to know God's love.

**Our Core Values**

Love First      Foster Belonging  
Grace-Powered      Hope, Help, and Healing

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL to WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

**All: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.**

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

**All: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.**

Leader: Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

**All: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

**All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN

**UMH 534**

***"Be Still, My Soul"***

OPENING PRAYER:

**God of true faithfulness,  
You teach us your ways,**

**and you promise us the fruits of human faithfulness.**

**We confess that we often proclaim our faith yet fail to listen and learn;  
we say that we trust you yet we put our trust in wicked ways.**

**Forgive us in your great mercy  
and correct us in your gentleness,**

**so that we may truly live as children of the Most High,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40 *(see insert)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Andy

GOSPEL READING *(see insert)*

Luke 6:27-38

*\*Indicates stand as you are able.*

SERMON

**"Trust in the Lord and Do Good"**

Pastor Andy

\*HYMN of INVITATION

**UMH 707**

***"Hymn of Promise"***

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER *(UMH 895)*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**UMH 95**

***"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"***

\*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING:

**All things come from you, O God,  
and with praise and thanksgiving 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,  
that we might have abundant and eternal life.  
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all that you have done,  
we offer 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 Lord. AMEN.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

***"Come to Me"***

HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to share in this grace with us,  
whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

**UMH 572**

***"Pass It On"***

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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Pianist: Joe Kelley

*Do good, be rich in the good things you do, be generous, and share with others. When you do these things, you will save a treasure for yourselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way you can take hold of what is truly life.* 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Offerings may be placed in plates or given online through our website. Offerings can be made using electronic fund transfers from your bank account or by credit/debit card, with the option to be set as a recurring gift. Please go to <https://byronmn.umcchurches.org/giving>, or scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to the giving page.



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**COUNTERS SCHEDULE:**

- Feb. 23 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs
- Mar. 2 -- Marty Nelson, Terri Nelson
- Mar. 9 – Al Miller, Nancy White
- Mar. 16 – Al Miller, Paul Riggs
- Mar. 23 – Terri Nelson, Roger Vick
- Mar. 30 – Marty Nelson, Roger Vick

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

- Feb. 23 --
- Mar. 2 -- Cathy Huntoon
- Mar. 9 -- Pastor Andy, Aubree Hart
- Mar. 16 – Chris Miller (RSW)
- Mar. 23 – Nancy White
- Mar. 30 – *need volunteer*

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## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.