Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn "To Be Your Presence" #546

Dismissal Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

Please hold in prayer this week

Peggy Scott Lori Storms
Diane (Sister of Duwaine & Larry) Boyd Lundquist
Lois Gustafson Tom Fisher
Margee Baker Chris Goetze

Worship Lead	ers for January 29	Worship Lead	ers for February <u>5</u>
Preacher	Bryant Bakkum	Preacher	Jeanne Aamot
Organist	Barb Steers	Organist	Barb Steers
Acolyte		Acolyte	Victoria Wirtz
Lector	Evelyn Grimm	Lector	Melina Simonson
Run A/V	Josh Bugbee	Run A/V	Jason Wieland
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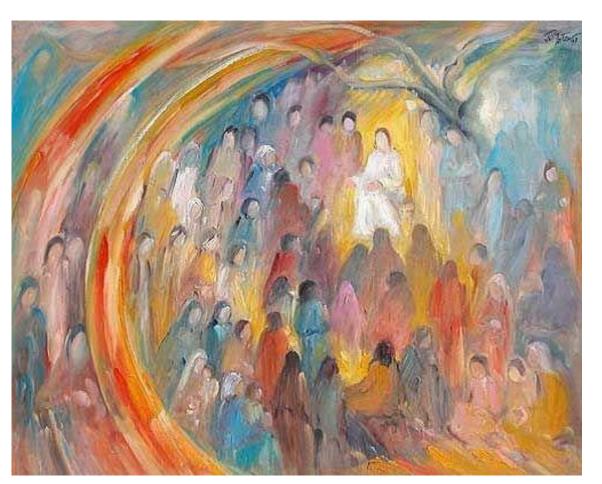
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God Invites Our Generosity

1/22/23 Offering: \$11,218 Attendance: 65, Live Stream: 22

Epiphany

January 29, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship



East Union Lutheran Church

Carver, Minnesota

Gathering

Hymn Sing Ringing of the Bell Welcome Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day—Let us pray together:

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid's Sermon

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

Gospel Acclamation

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

#312

Jesus, come! For we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

Sermon Pastor Bryant Bakkum

Hymn of the Day "Blest Are They" #728

Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

#717

Offertory Song "We Are an Offering"

Offering" #**692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

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