

February 1, 2026: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS ~ CONCERNS  
~ GOD MOMENTS~ CELEBRATION SUNDAY ~**

† **HYMN** “What Does the Lord Require” UMH #441  
*The Light of Christ Enters*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) *by Lisa Hancock*  
Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does  
God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
When we share the good news with all creation, what  
worship does God desire of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and  
humility! **We come to worship God with our voices and  
our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Micah 6:1-8

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 15 UMH #747

**CHORAL HYMN** “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”  
TFWS #2153

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 5:1-12

**CHILDREN'S/INTERACTIVE TIME**

† **HYMN** “Blest Are They” TFWS #2155

**MESSAGE** “What Is Good”

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

~~ *THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION*~~

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH p.13  
UMH #895

*All who seek to know Christ are invited to partake.*

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

† **Doxology**

**UMH #95**

**OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER**

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16*

*~~ SENDING FORTH ~~*

*The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World*

† **HYMN "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"** TFWS #2140

**BENEDICTION**

† Postlude **"Song of Hope"**

**TFWS #2186**

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

**Scriptures for February 8, 2026** (5<sup>th</sup> Sun after Epiphany):

Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16;

Matthew 5:13-20

*Thank you for joining us for worship.*

*~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~*

**TODAY:**

9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC

11:00 am Worship – South Otselic UMC

**WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:**

† **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm

† **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8:15 am;  
South Otselic, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:45(ish) am

† **Food Pantry** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 3-6 pm  
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941

† **Sunshine Shop** Thu 10-4; Fri 11-5; Sat 9-noon  
– Next open Feb 5-7, Feb 19-21;  
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.

† **Community Lunch** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, noon, South  
Otselic UMC; *next dates Feb 5, Feb 19*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- † Lenten Ashes – Feb 18 during office hours or appointment
- † Daylight Savings begins – Mar 8, 2 am

## **PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):**

**From 1/25** – Jim (& Heidi) Moore, family of Bill Bowers, family of Alex Pretti, Minnesota, travelers/victims of storm

**From 1/18** – Ed & Debbie Slocum, George Lott & Wenda West, family of Matthew Brooks, family of Renee Good, family of Rufus Green, family of Kodianne Lynch, family of Eleanor Price

**From 1/11** – Give God thanks!

**From 1/4** – Bob Engle, Edith Goldschmidt, Chris Marquard, people with flu/illness, homeless/without shelter, our country, world peace, 2026

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, Richard Bishop, David Boyer, Paul Carson, Margaret Chase, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Kevin Grewe, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Justin Sheldon, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Ella Simmons, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

**February:** 1-John Roalef; 2-Dustin Davis; 14-Dawn White;  
22-Melanie Simmons; 25-Bruce Hakes

**March:** 4-Joan Hart, 18-Betty Howe; 23-Sarah Shen;  
27-Debbie Benson

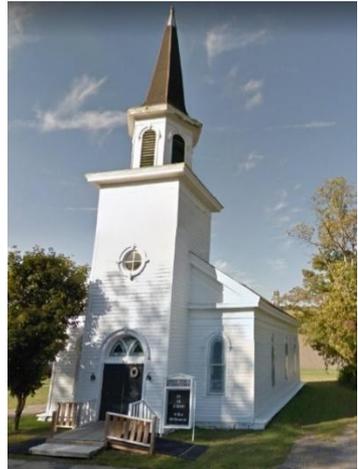
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## Psalm 15

UMH #747

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?
  - <sup>2</sup> **The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from the heart;**
  - <sup>3</sup> who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil to a friend, nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;
  - <sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;**
  - <sup>5</sup> who does not put out money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
- The one who does these things shall never be moved.**

## Micah 6:1-8

NRSV

- <sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
- <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

NRSV

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

<sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

<sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## **Matthew 5:1-12**

NRSV

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.