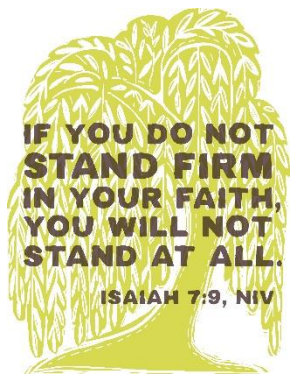


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February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

“If you are going to live by faith, then expect your faith to be tested.

A faith that can’t be tested can’t be trusted”

~ Warren W. Wiersbe

We Gather in Praise and Worship

GATHERING

Nearer, Still Nearer
Arr. Lori Line

Alice Eelman
Music Director

WELCOME & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sandra Musser

CENTERING

Adagio in Eb major
Ch. H. Rinck

AE

This signals the beginning of our worship service. Let us be in quietness and a spirit of prayer.

Our Worship to God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

SM

L: A path to our God

C: Winding through the ordinary.

L: Weaving through the busyness

C: A path to our God.

L: A way to go home

C: A discovery of God’s voice.

ALL: Rejoice, rejoice. God is with us!

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

432 UMH

*OPENING PRAYER

LD

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is always with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gathering God, you have promised that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In this time, prepare our hearts and minds that we might receive your wisdom and understanding. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that our worship might be joyful and authentic, bearing good fruit in our lives with our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet your neighbor in the love and peace of Christ

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN DISMISSED

to Room 12 & 15 downstairs

Margaret Brown & Karen Kelly

*HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

500 UMH

Proclamation of God's Word

SERMON TEXT

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.

SM

Thanks be to God.

SERIES

Leaning into Our Faith

SERMON

"The Path of Faith"

Rev. L. Dore

Response to the Word

MORNING PRAYER

P: Thank you, Lord, for the many blessings of life. We are grateful for the many people and places that cause us to find joy in our souls.

C: We are thankful for the places of work and the ministries of the church that reveal to us the gifts you have given us.

P: We rejoice in your presence in our lives.

C: A presence that, at times, seems so real that we can touch it, but which indeed is real even when we cannot sense it.

P: God, show us as a community of faith how to be more faithful.

C: Point us to the people you want us to serve and the places where our gifts can be used in your kingdom. We long to be faithful. Amen.

JOYFUL GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Benediction
Lefebure Wely

AE

*DOXOLOGY

94 UMH

Send Forth to Serve

*HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

206 UMH

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Forever
Chris Tomlin
Arr. Victor Labenske

AE

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Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSVUE)

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.