

# Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Season of Epiphany

January 22, 2023 • 10:55 AM

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## TOWER BELLS

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

### WELCOME STATEMENT

Jane Hardin, Church Treasurer

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

### PRELUDE

Fred Mason, Organist

Give Me Jesus

arr. Eurydice V. Osterman

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mick Raynor

Jesus comes alongside us and calls us by name:  
**“*[your name]*, follow me.”**

A simple call. A hard call.

**Because following requires leaving.**

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**But we have come this far,  
to this place,**

**where we can listen and be transformed.**

*~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith*

### \*OPENING HYMN

UMH (red) 546 | The Church's One Foundation

FOUNDATION

*\* Please stand as you are able*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who brings light into the world,  
**forgive us for those moments when we have walked in darkness,  
stumbling in the wilderness of quarrels, division, and bickering.  
You have called us to follow you and to fish for people,  
but too often we think that our way is the only way to do your will.**

**Send your Spirit to gather us as you desire us.  
Remind us that unity does not mean uniformity.**

**Forgive us, God, for the brokenness that we bring upon ourselves.  
Teach us how to live with, and for, our neighbor. Amen.**

*silence for personal confession*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

*Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love*  
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

### COMMISSIONING OF THE 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

**Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these leaders. Give them discerning hearts to carry out their duties with wisdom, boldness, justice and confidence. Guide them to fix their eyes on You. Refresh them when they feel overwhelmed. Give them strength to move through difficulties as they trust in You to provide what they need. Guide their work with the knowledge that, through them, your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Response Song | We Are a Rainbow

David Kai

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laura Tonkin, Children's Ministry Team Chair

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON | MATTHEW 4:12-23 CEV

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18 CEV Julie Allen, Council Secretary

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mick Raynor

*Following each petition:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

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\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING FORTH

### \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 396 | O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

### CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

### POSTLUDE

Fred Mason, Organist

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Eurydice V. Osterman

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**New? Tell Us More** | We value building relationships across lines of difference, shared hobbies, passions, talents, and seasons of life. We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building. We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service.

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