

February 9, 2025 9:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany



### ~ Welcome Visitors! ~

*Guide to the bulletin:* An asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in *BOLD* indicates everyone says them together. *NCH* is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

**Children:** Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. Children may participate in activities in the Sunday School room that begin after the Message for All. If youth in your family would like to stay in worship, there are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a Prayer Ground set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do. If you want to have your younger children (ages 0-4) taken care of during the service, we have a nursery available at 9:30 am.

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

# Prelude

Welcome and Community Connections

# \*Introit

\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>
One: There is a good word for you if you are weary.
Many: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.
One: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.
Many: It is the Word of Hope, "Do not be afraid!"
One: There is a good word that needs to be heard.
Many: It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.

## **Gathering Prayer**

Loving God, gather us into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your grace. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust Jesus and answer our trust with your promised presence. Bless us with this gift as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn	Filled With Awe We Come before You	(see insert)
First Bible Readi	Isaiah 6:1-13	
Special Music		
The Good News	Luke 5:1-11	
Message for All		
Reflection		
Praver for Trans	formation	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Call to Worship and gathering prayer accessed/adapted from the *UCC Worship Ways website* 

## Words of Grace

### SHARING OUR LIVES

#### **Call to Prayer**

Kelly Jetzer

#### Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307 or Pastor Peter at 608-338-2268. They will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org and/or <u>pastorpeter@memorialucc.org</u>

#### **Prayer of Jesus**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

\*Song for Going Out

Will You Come and Follow Me

(see insert)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Pastor Kris Gorton, and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: Jill Carlson and Barb Gallogly-Turner Ushers: Roger Elver and Robin Fick Media Room: Bill Jetzer Youth Programming Leader: Mo Foster Fellowship: Kim Thoresen Memorial UCC uses photographs and video for social media communication with our members and friends. If someone does not wish to be photographed or in a video, ushers will help them find a seat out of camera view.

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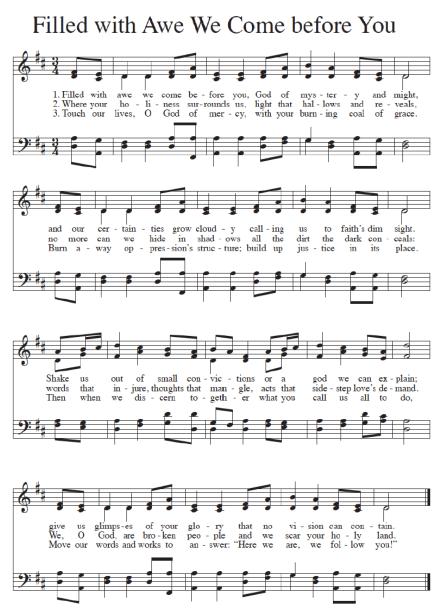
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one-time or recurring donations. Visit <u>memorialucc.org</u> and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Cathy Halpin at <u>halpincjo@gmail.com</u>, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at <u>pastorkris@memorialucc.org</u> or <u>pastorpeter@memorialucc.org</u>. You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at <u>www.memorialucc.org</u>. You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.



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