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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor  
Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Order of Worship**  
January 18, 2026

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**

### WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence. Please be sure to sign the roster at the end of the pew and pass it to others near you. It is our hope that this time of worship will be a blessing to all. Please begin in silent prayer.

### PRELUDE

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

**Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!**

We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it.**

Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

**Let your light shine through us, now and forever.**

Come, let us worship the Lord together!

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“Thy Word Is a Lamp”*

UMH No. 601

### OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Lord, we welcome your presence and grace in our lives. We ask that you manifest your glory today and shine your light on us. Through your light, may we illuminate the lives of those around us. As we feel your presence in worship today, may our knowledge of your divine mysteries continue to grow and change our lives forever. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us now bring our confession to God, knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we come back to you to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. In Christ, we are forgiven.*      Psalm 103:8-12

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      *Psalm 40:1-11*

UMH No. 774

*This Psalm is an upbeat song of thanksgiving and praise to God. The psalmist claims to have waited patiently for God to come through for him and God responded.*

GOSPEL LESSON      *John 1:29-42*

*This text is about the revelation and recognition of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, leading to the disciples following him and spreading his message.*

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

*“Lamb of God”*

TFWS No. 2113

SERMON

**“God is at Work!”**

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

*“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

UMH No. 344

## PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

Pastoral 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.**

## THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

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Offertory (11:00 AM)      *"Alleluia, Praise the Lord"*

*Chancel Choir*

\*Presentation of Gifts

\*Doxology

UMH No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In  
offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and  
your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our  
Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*"The Summons"*

TFWS No. 2130

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE