5th Sunday after Epiphany FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

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We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Mark 1:29-39 Pew Bible p. 582 Pew Bible p. 931 Pew Bible p. 507 Pew Bible p. 813

Today's Message

"Searching for Jesus"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



Psalm 147:3

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, Nancy Varner, and Carol Schroeck.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, David Gaston, Michelle S., Carol B., Christina D., Barb & Jim Wenner, and Rosemary.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., Ian Minner, and Jason Beeler.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John's to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

Lent and Easter are early this year. If you would like to join one of our choirs for just the Lent and Easter seasons, we would love to have you. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings – Chancel Choir at 9:00 AM and Bell Choir at 11:15 AM.

Ash Wednesday Worship Services will be held at noon and 7PM.