



Christ-Centered. Engaged in Community.
Sharing God's Love.
10:00am Worship for February 23, 2025
7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude *Andante* from Sonata in E major J. Haydn
Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship*

Rev. Dom Short Mejia
**Rise in body or in spirit*

This is not an easy path we're called to walk.

The way of Christ calls us to a higher standard of love.

The entirety of the law is contained in these words:

Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Church, who is your neighbor?

My neighbor is the stranger, my friend, and my enemy; all of them we are called to love.

Opening Hymn* *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Rev. Tad Grover

Children's Moments Rev. Tad Grover

After the conclusion of Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.

Nursery care for ages 0-3 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see an usher for assistance.

Special Music *Be Glad* Barbara Scheffter
Jubilee Ringers

Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts Rev. Tad Grover
Offertory Music *I Will Rise* Tomlin/Reeves/Giglio/Maher
Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, Jarod Ogier (CCLI #5183450)
Doxology* *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow* UMH #94
Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the many gifts you bestow upon us, and for the encouragement to use those gifts. We ask your special blessing now upon these gifts that we offer back into your service. We pray that these tithes and offerings will spread throughout the world and help to establish your kingdom. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading* Luke 6:27-38 Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Sermon “Love Your Enemies” Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Closing Hymn* *Pass It On* UMH #572

Benediction* Rev. Dom Short Mejia

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

Postlude *Psalm XVIII* (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God) B. Marcello
Narmina Aliyeva

Greeters: Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George

Ushers: Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rob Kidder, Barb McCarthy, Sherry McGoron, Linda Meyers

Audio & Visual Team: Brian Wingerter, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Eric Hess, Craig Kramer

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Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given in remembrance or celebration. Please visit the sign up beside the round table and sign up for Altar Flowers for 2025.

Livestreamed Service: The 10:00am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9:00am • Bible Mechanics Class (Library) 9:00am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10:00am • Jubilee Ringers (Fellowship Hall) 11:30am • Winter Game Night (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm

Weekly Offering (electronically): Scan the QR code or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>



Ash Wednesday Service: Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5th. Please plan to join us in the Potter Chapel at 7:30pm for our Ash Wednesday Service.

All Church Winter Game Night: Join us tonight, Sunday, February 23rd from 4:00pm-6:00pm for a church-wide Winter Game Night! Bring your favorite crock-pot dish to share, and your favorite board or card game! We will kick-off with everyone playing a quick round of Bingo together, then spend the rest of the evening playing a variety of games of your choosing while sharing food and fellowship. This will be another chance to win the Golden Spoon Award! If you have questions, please contact Ashley at ashley@worthingtonumc.com. For more details and to RSVP, please scan the QR code.



Join Us for a Lent Small Group Journey through the Gospel of Luke: This Lent, we invite you to explore the Gospel of Luke through material from A Sanctified Art, using poetry, visual art, and scripture study. We'll reflect on familiar stories like the Good Samaritan, Zacchaeus, and more—stories that speak to the divides we face today and invite us into God's inclusive love. Our theme, "Everything In Between", will guide us as we explore the tensions between ideas like faith & works, grief & hope, and discover God in the complexities of life. Groups will begin meeting the week of March 9th and continue through the week after Easter. The devotional will be sent in digital form and available in hardcopy at the church office for a recommended donation of \$5. To register and to check updated information on the sessions offered, please scan the QR code. We'd love for you to be part of this journey!



Join Our New Member Class! Are you interested in learning more about our church community, the United Methodist Church, and what it means to be a member? We invite you to join our upcoming New Member Class! This class will provide an opportunity to: Learn about our church's history and beliefs, discover our mission and vision, and explore ways to get involved in our ministries. The class will be held on zoom on Monday, March 9th at 8:00pm If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com to sign up and receive the Zoom link. We look forward to welcoming you!

Bags of Blessings: In February we are collecting items for the Bags of Blessings for the Buddy Boxes at Family Mentor Foundation. Please return the bags today, Sunday, February 23rd and place the items inside the bins in the church office. We are collecting single/individual servings of: Veggie or Fruit Juice Boxes, Raisin Boxes, Applesauce Cups, Individual Sunflower Kernel Bags, Individual Goldfish Cracker Bags, Macaroni and Cheese Cups, Shelf-Stable Meat Sticks, and Instant Oatmeal Packs.

Everyday Grace Bags Donations Needed: There is an urgent need for items for our Everyday Grace Bags. Items needed at this time are: hats, gloves, socks, Chapstick, hand warmers, packaged cookies or pretzels or granola bars. You may donate them in the bins outside of Dixon Lounge during church office hours, 9:00am-4:30pm Monday - Thursday or on Sunday mornings.

Next Week's Lectionary: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2nd Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Keep us in the loop! Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths. Contact Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com or Tad at pastorTad@worthingtonumc.com

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