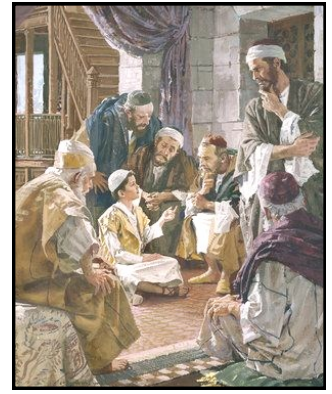


Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude : **“Do You Hear What I Hear?”**

The Call to Worship:

Lord, we come to you today as children:

In wonder and amazement, still reeling from the joy of Christmas.

Lord, we come to you today as children:

Full of questions and curiosity, a desire to learn and to know.

Lord, we come to you today as children:

Safe and secure in Your love.

Lord, we come to you today as children:

Knowing that we will grow in holiness and love.

As children of God,

Let us worship our God, our Divine Parent. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: **“Do You Hear What I Hear?”** *(insert)*

Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God,

We gather as one body, giving thanks for the life and example of Your Son, Jesus. Like Him, may we grow in wisdom, in strength, and in favor with You and with one another. Teach us to seek Your presence earnestly, as Jesus sought the temple, and to treasure Your Word in our hearts as Mary did. When we do not understand Your ways, grant us patience and trust. When we are called to follow, give us courage and joy. Unite us in love, guide us in truth, and shape us into a people who reflect Your light in the world. In the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Luke 2: 40-52** New Testament pg. 80

A Time for Children

The Message: **“Oh! Those Formative Years”**

Meditation in Music **“Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”**

Composer: Ralph Cheney based on the Robert Frost Poem

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A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

*The Closing Hymn: **"He Lives"** **UMH # 310**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **"Song of Hope"**



Please pray for:

Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph's
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Dwight Cooper
**Family of Betty
Crocker**
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Barbara Dill
Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Crystal Farris

Armand Fournier
Phil Garwood
Harold and Lynn
Gerard
**Carol Sue
Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi**
Todd Goode
Connie Greenleaf
Kay Gregory
Russell Hickey
Nancy Holmes
Vicky Kelley
Ray Ladd
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Emily Long's gram
Lois, sister-in-law of
Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
Steve McNelly
Joe Mertz

Judy Meserve's
cousins
Jim Meserve
Kathy Meserve
Ellen Minotty
Tony Morgan
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Jessie Powell
Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Alton Ranks
Tanya Russell
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Flo Sutter

Laverne & Tim
Tardiff
Michel Tessier
Patsy Tessier
Randy and Lisa
Thibeau
Rhoda Thombs
Rick Thombs
Tracy Trott
Ellen Truman
Samantha Dunn
Walker
Lorna Ulmer's
brothers
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise

**People of the Middle
East
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural
Disasters**