

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD



Words of Welcome

The Prelude : **“The Willow Waltz”** composer, Ralph Cheney

The Call to Worship: (*Amy B. Hunter*)

Friends of God, today Jesus calls to each of us: “Come! Follow me!”

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Some say, “But we are walking in darkness.”

In Christ, we have seen God’s light.

Some say, “But divisions tear us apart.”

In Christ, we are united in mind and purpose.

Friends of God, today we gather to worship God and to follow Jesus.

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

*The Opening Hymn: **“Sweet Hour of Prayer”** UMH # 496

Opening Prayer (*insert*)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 27: 1, 4-8** **Matthew 4: 12-17**

A Time for Children: **“Prayers to Grow By”**

The Message: **“Abide in God”**

Meditation in Music: **“Daily Bread”**

composer: Ralph Cheney lyrics: Sandy Nisbet

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer **UMH # 895**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: (*insert*)

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have blessed us with your call to follow Jesus. In return, we rejoice as we give our offerings and gifts. May they be used for the work of proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn: **"Standing in the Need of Prayer"** **UMH # 352**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **"Morris Dance"**



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
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
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
**Cheryl and Paul
Poulin**
Jessie Powell
Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Alton Ranks
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Flo Sutter
Laverne & Tim
Tardiff
Michel Tessier

Randy and Lisa
Thibau
Rhoda Thombs
Rick Thombs
Family of 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**