

**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	Harold and Lynn	Kathy Meserve
Trisha Aziz	Gerard	<b>Ellen Minotty</b>
Tom Bailey	Carol Sue	Tony Morgan
Geneva and Norman	Giampitrucci	Pat O'Connor
Beckwith	Greg Giampetrucci	Dennis O'Driscoll
Michael Breed	Todd Goode	Olivia & Jed
Cathy Brissette	Connie Greenleaf	Silvia Palmer
Russell Brown	Kay Gregory	Linda Pare
Kendal Buck	Russell Hickey	Carla Parsons
Cameron (Ralph's	Nancy Holmes	Peggy Philips
grandson)	Vicky Kelley	<b>Cheryl and Paul</b>
Gretchen Clark	Michael LaPlante	<b>Poulin</b>
Dwight Cooper	Ann LeClair	Jessie Powell
Karen Crommett	Kevin Lee	Garry Prosser
Danielle	Cathy & Mark	Sylvia Quint
Barbara Dill	Leonard	Judy Quintal
Donna & Mike	Emily Long's gram	Alton Ranks
DiTaranto	Lois, sister-in-law of	Sherman Family
Crystal Farris	Pat O'Connor	Sandy Smith
Armand Fournier	Jerry Lucas	Sullivan Smith
Phil Garwood	Steve McNelly	Flo Sutter
	Joe Mertzel	Laverne & Tim
	Judy Meserve's	Tardiff
	cousins	Michel Tessier
	Jim Meserve	

Randy and Lisa  
Thibeau  
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**