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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 12, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

(arr. Rivello)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 119*

Happy are those who are without blame.  
**Blessed are those who walk in God's way.**  
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**Blessed are those who seek God.**  
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Be near us this day. Amen.**

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

*God Is So Good*

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me!  
God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, God's so good to me!  
God loves me so. God loves me so, God loves me so, God's so good to me!  
God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me!

## ✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

## ✠GLORIA PATRI

## OFFERING

*Tis So Sweet*

(arr. Shepperd)

## ✠DOXOLOGY

## CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

A Report from Blue Lake Camp

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They are to be picked up immediately following the service in the Pier Room upstairs in the Education Building.

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Let Everything, Psalm 150*

(Thomas)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day.  
Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God  
and to the glory of your realm. **Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

## SERMON

"The Heart of the Law"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

*When the Saints Go Marching In*

O when the saints go marching in, When the saints go marching in  
O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in  
And when the sun refuse to shine, And when the sun refuse to shine  
O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in  
O when they crown Him Lord of all, When they crown Him Lord of all  
O Lord I want to be in that number, When they crown Him Lord of all

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Wade In the Water*

(arr. Hirsch)

✠ Stand as able



Assisting in Worship Today:

Sr. Pastor: Dr. Darren M. McClellan Liturgist, Katie Turner

Acolytes: Cate Richardson (8:30), Evan Jones (11:00)

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Jazz Band: Allen Beeson, Bill Clark, Celeste Boone, Chris Lebatard, Darren McClellan,

John Faust, John Richardson, Josh Titford, Susan Unger, Zach Dake

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

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OPENING SONG

*Follow You*

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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Lord, I Need You*

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SERMON

*"Choose Life! Choose Jesus!"*

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### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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#### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,  
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering  
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

*\*\*\*Baskets are available to present your offering  
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

#### INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

#### SENDING FORTH

#### CLOSING SONG

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Communion Servers: Emily and Doug Garner, Nadine and Barry Baskin  
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**VISITING WITH US TODAY?**

We want to know! Scan this QR CODE:



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