



Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
January 19, 2025

 **Reflection** - *“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God” ~ Leo Buscaglia*

 **Piano Prelude** – Silent reflection to prepare your hearts for worship.
Announcements / Welcome to Worship

 **Introit**

 **Call to Worship**

One: A capable disciple, who can find?

Many: God equips us for every good thing.

One: When we’re tempted to compare ourselves to others,
help us remember —

Many: Each person is given a unique gift for the common good, and all gifts come from the same Spirit.


One: When we are tempted to compete against
and outdo each other —

Many: May we instead encourage one another to love and good deeds.

One: When we are tempted to conform ourselves to the
patterns of this world —

Many: call us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds to discern God’s will.

All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed. Amen.

 **Hymn NC #495** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*


Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.


Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**


Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.

 **Doxology** *tune Old 100th SL#7*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

 **Anthem** *Brother James’ Air*


 **Moment for All Ages**

 **Scripture Reading** p. 211 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Message

Gifted

Rev. Chris Mereschuk

 **Hymn NC #163** *Many Are the Lightbeams (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)*

Many are the lightbeams from the one light, our one light is Jesus.
Many are the lightbeams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love’s the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus.
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.



Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.
Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

After each individual prayer request...

One: Loving and beloved God

Many: Hear our prayer.

Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

Prayers of healing and hope for...

DANIELLE Dennett, member

JASON Pratt, brother of Danielle Dennett

PHYLLIS Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill

NIKO Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou

ELAINE Donaldson, friend of Marion, Bonnie and Patty

LAINE Gootee, sister of Darren Sallee

PATTY Cotton, friend of the community

JEAN Miemerstorf, niece of Anita Hickey

LORRAINE Spencer, member of the congregation

OLLIE Bishop, member of the congregation

LAURA Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper

BRENDA Hodge, sister of Mark Thornhill

BRENDA Pelc, neighbor of Jackie and Larry Didier

KIMBERLY Start, daughter-in-law of Deb Barthelette

KATHY Bergeron, friend of Wendy Wilcox

DON Eddy, member of the congregation

RUTH ANNE Bennett, friend of Kathy and Mike Robbins

JEAN Stawarz, friend of the Scrabble Club

DENNY Preston, cousin of Betty-Anne Gould

TERRI Toner, friend of Mikki Nevins

DONNA Burns, cousin of Julie Holt

ANN O. Jones, friend of Wendy Wilcox

DON Fox, friend of the community

RUSSELL Johnson, cousin of Steve and Julie Holt

CHARLIE Karns, cousin of Julie and Steve Holt

After the Prayer List is read...

One: Loving and beloved God

Many: Hear our prayer.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer NB#G-6 (any version you wish)

Response: Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies

Piano Offertory

Hymn of Praise SL#40 *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.

We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn NC #395 *In Christ There is No East or West*

In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

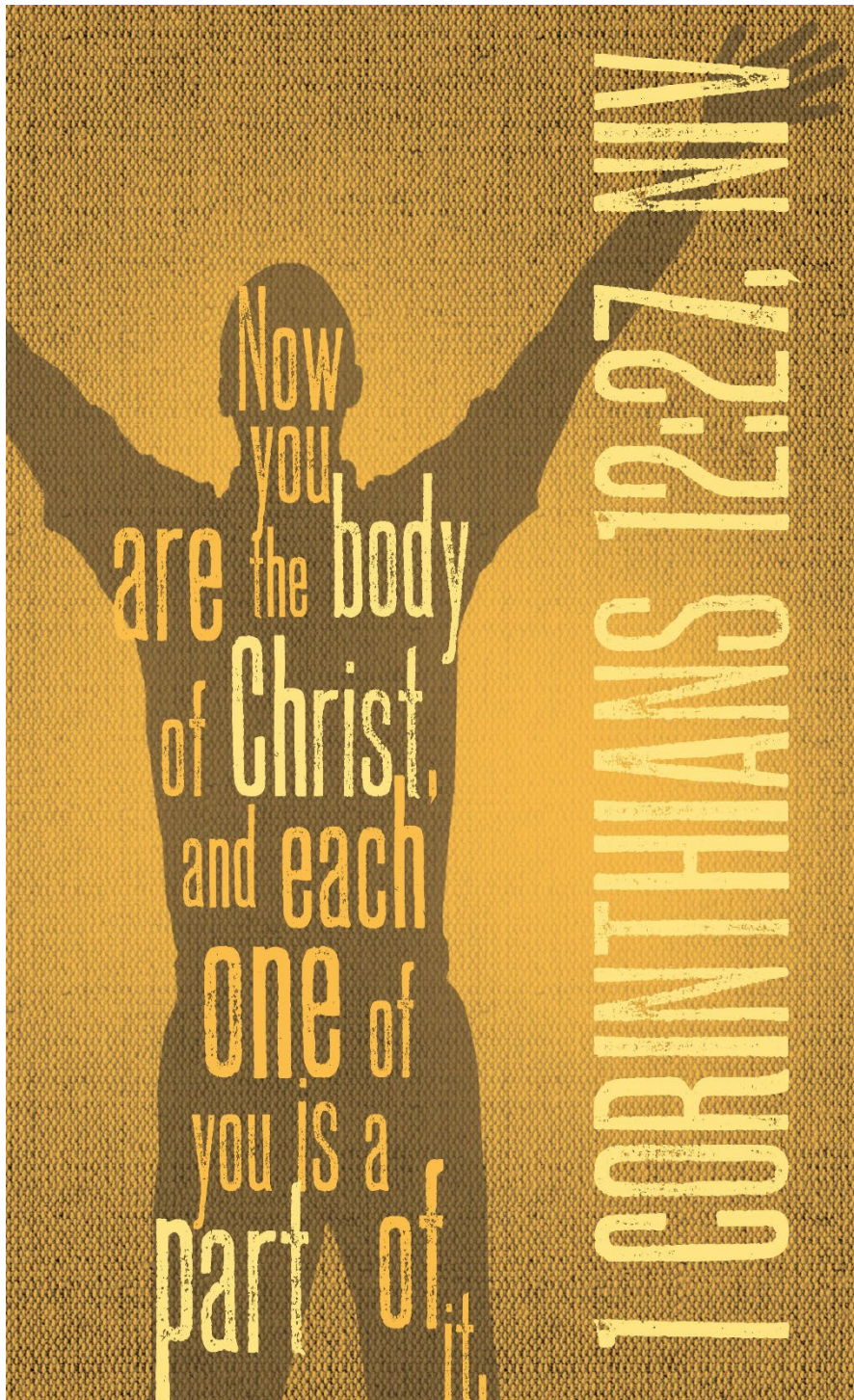
Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.

Note: The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Chris Mereschuk. Other service prayers come from United Church of Christ Worship Ways, "Fill, Draw, Taste: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany," written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.



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 Pianist - Michele Feldheim
 Greeters - ↑ Dolores and Mark Thornhill
 ↓ Wendy Blow
 Lay Reader - Jackie Didier
 Zoom Tech- Bob Miller
 Coffee Hour - Rhonda and Jeff Brooks
 Flowers - Kate and Jason Johnson

This Week at the Church...

Today - Annual Reports available
 Mon 7pm - Property
 Wed-Fri-Sat - Food Pantry – see website for hours
 Thurs 7pm - Choir
 Fri 7pm - AA
 Next Sun, Jan 26 - Annual Meeting following worship and pot luck brunch



Birthdays and Anniversaries...

January 19 ★ - Jonah Jeffords
 January 20 ★ - Cynthia Hinckley
 January 22 ★ - Ashleigh Norris
 January 25 ★ - Joanne Brooks
 January 19 ♥ - Andrew Tracy and Emi Estelle