



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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February 1st, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Give Thanks

#2036

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Help Us Accept Each Other**

#560

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Be still and know that God is.

P: God was also in the beginning.

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

P: But who am I, that God should call me?

L: You are a beloved child of God. God is with you; don't be afraid.

P: May God's guiding presence lift us all to faith and service. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving God, we come this morning seeking your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. Help us understand that your love will sustain our efforts. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choir Anthem: What Does the Lord Require of You

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

***HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together**

#618

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

#2153

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel unqualified. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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We have been called to lives of justice, kindness, and humility. As Christ calls for us to see the blessedness of life lived in discipleship, we are also called to serve those who are most vulnerable in this world. We do so by offering all that we are, all that we do, and all that we have, knowing that God will use us and our gifts to bring the beloved community ever closer.

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God of Justice and Mercy, you do not ask for thousands of dollars in offerings, only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring, not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our understanding of how to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our "yes" to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen