



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
*GATHERING FOR WORSHIP*

**PRELUDE: Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: In His Time**

**#2203**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**INTROIT: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**\*HYMN: Freely, Freely**

**#389**

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: O God, send us into the world to proclaim your love.

**P: Remind us of the needs of others and open our hearts to your calling.**

L: Make us disciples who will open our arms to embrace our neighbor.

**P: Send us into the world of bearers of your grace, mercy, and love.**

L: O God of wisdom and truth, come to us and fill us.

**P: O God of compassion and hope, make us witnesses for you. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of new beginnings, you wipe away our tears and call us to care for one another. Give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all of creation, and hands to serve you every day of our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ANTHEM: Welcome***

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**BAPTISM: Delaney Jane Curley (See pg. 38 Hymnal - #16)**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Luke 6:27-38

**\*HYMN: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**#2171**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**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: Pass It On**

**#572**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Ancient of Days**

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

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## Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

23—David English

27—Peace Goyette

Spirit of the Living God, help us to remember that you are God of all people. Enable us to grow in your Spirit and our faith. So that we may understand your love and grace as a gift for all, poured out like water offering renewal and restoration to your beloved creation. May we become empowered to spread this Good news to everyone in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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In a world filled with brokenness and sorrow, it would be easy to lose ourselves in never-ending grief, choked by our outrage, paralyzed by the enormity of suffering, and feel our hearts squeeze tight with hopelessness. Instead, let us breathe together this morning as we open our hearts. Breathing in as our hearts fill with compassion. Breathing out as we pray for healing in our world and our lives. Breathing in, opening ourselves to the transforming power of love. Breathing out as we pray for peace in our world and our lives. Breathing in as we hold hope in our hearts. Breathing out as we pray for justice in our world and our lives. May we know our strength, may we be filled with courage, and may our love flow from us into this world. Through our gifts, may our love flow into the whole world, helping to bring hope and healing to those facing disaster and showing God's grace near and far.

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We offer these gifts, O God of all people, in the hope and trust that You will use them to bring healing and hope where there is need. Where natural disasters have happened, these gifts may help build new lives. Where refugees seek safety from violence and fear, may these gifts enable caring and welcoming hearts and hands. Where there is hatred may our gifts be a sign and instrument of reconciliation. Thank you, God, for the privilege of this offering. May it indeed do more than we can imagine! In the name of Jesus Christ and for the sake of this world. Amen.