



**Crooks Memorial
United Methodist Church**
January 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
Epiphany

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Pete & Carolyn Prokup

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper

For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.

Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World

Our Vision:

Making Space for God and Others

Our Values:

Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –
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Welcome to Worship

Cell phone and electronic devices:

Please set to silence.

Connection Card: Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

Hard of hearing or sight:

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

We love children in worship!

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

We record worship: As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

Welcome Debbie Braziel

Prelude “*Breathe*” Marie Barnett, Betty Warren

***Hymn** “*God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*” UMH 122

***Call to Worship**
Listen for God’s word ...
calling forth creation.
Listen for God’s word ...
working with power and majesty.
Listen for God’s word ...
speaking blessings.
Listen for God’s word ...
in this moment. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** “*I Am Thine, O Lord*” UMH 419

Scripture Genesis 1:1-5 Nancy Renninger
(Pew Bible O.T. 1)
Acts 19:1-7 Nancy Renninger
(Pew Bible N.T. 130-131)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem “*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*” Chancel Choir

Scripture Mark 1:4-11 Rev. B. Sung
(Pew Bible N.T. 32-33)

Message “*He Saw Heaven Being Torn Open*” Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** “*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*” UMH 394

Communion *All are invited to the table*

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Prayer of Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, Your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire You, Lord. Help us to yearn for Your presence. Pour Your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve You. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people You have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Music During Communion

UMH 622

“*There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood*”

Offertory Prayer

God of strength and glory, You created all that is. You continue to sustain the world with the power of Your love. You give us life and hope, and with grateful hearts, we bring these gifts to You. May they bring forth Your realm of peace for all peoples. Amen.

Offertory

“*Yes, Lord, Yes*”

Lynn Keesecker

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Benediction**

Rev. B. Sung

Postlude

“*Marching to Zion v. 1 & 4*”

UMH 733