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February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am

Service of the Word - Holy Communion Setting 3 - ELW Year C

INTRODUCTION

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe to" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 17-18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

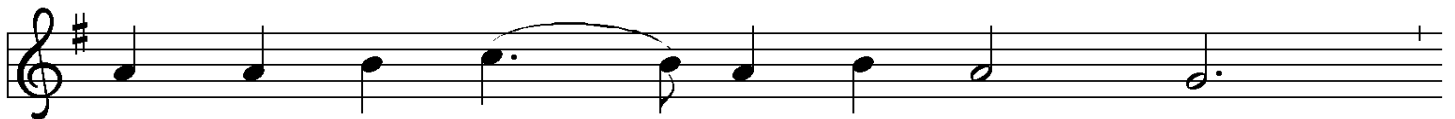
Praise the Almighty!

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Praise the Almighty!



1 Praise the Al - might - y! Lord, I a - dore you!
 2 Trust not in ru - lers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Lord, you give jus - tice in all op - pres - sion,
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly,



Yes, I will laud you un - til death;
 earth - born they are and soon de - cay.
 main - tain the right, set pris - 'ners free.
 the Lord who does such won - drous things!



with songs and an - thems I come be - fore you
 Vain are their coun - sels at life's last por - tal,
 You feed the hun - gry in your com - pas - sion;
 All that has be - ing, to praise God sole - ly,



as long as you al - low me breath. From you my life
 when the cold grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can
 heal - ing and life flow from your tree. Hap - py are all
 with hap - py heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God,



and all things came; all the day long I bless your name.
 no help af - ford, place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 who hope in God, whose grace is rich and deep and broad!
 with saints at rest, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723; tr. hymnal version

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE, *Neuvermehrtes Christlich Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CHILDREN GO TO JAM

*The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for
Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.*

KYRIE

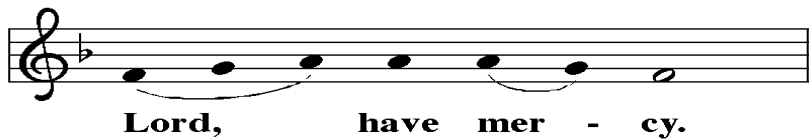
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



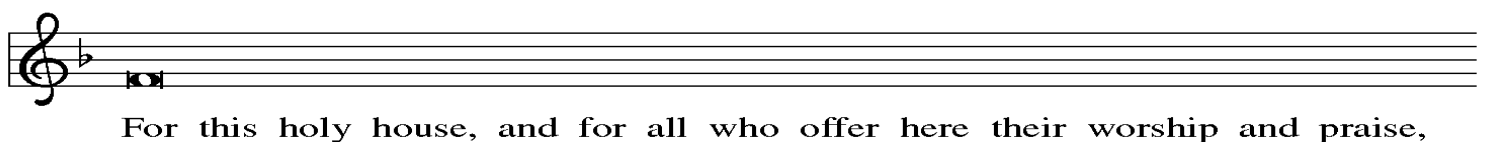
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



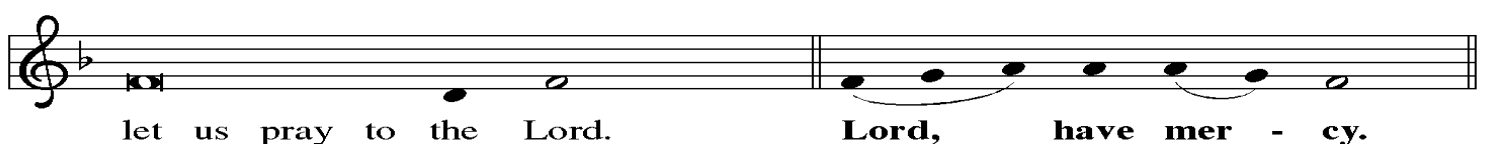
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



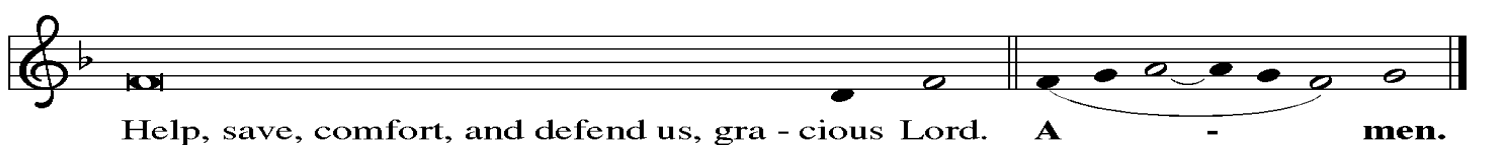
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW Setting 3



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm: 1

Read responsively

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The word of the Lord.

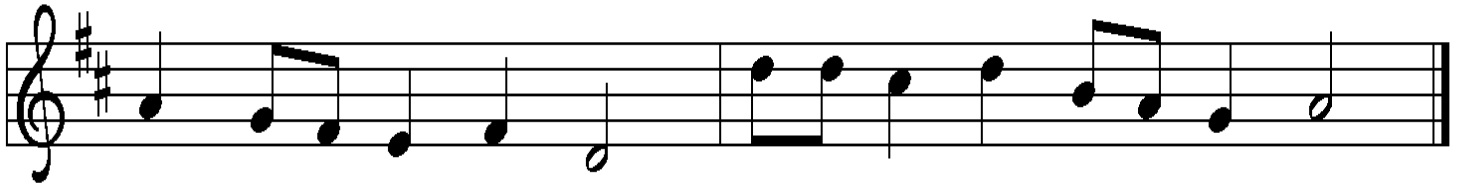
Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 6th Chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated

REFLECTION
A brief silence for reflection

Gwen Hedding

Please stand if you are able

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:
Peace be with you.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY

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Jesus, We Are Gathered

Jesu, tawa pano

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has two lines of lyrics: "Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no," and "Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has two lines of lyrics: "Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu." and "Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyeri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyeri

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Last Sunday, we were reminded that
In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Again, after supper ...

...Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy spirit,
all honor and glory is yours almighty Father,
now and forever.**

Amen

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 and ever. Amen.**

Communion has been pre-consecrated by Pastor Karen Matuska during worship service last Sunday.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

The Lord's table is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

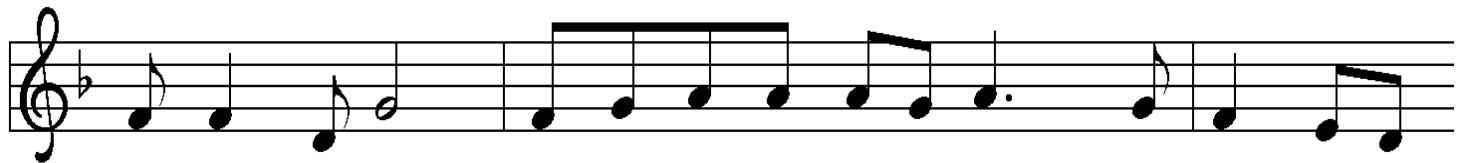
Please let the usher know if you need assistance.

Please be seated.

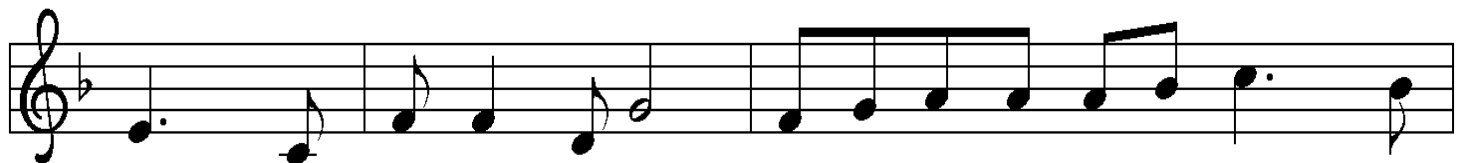
COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

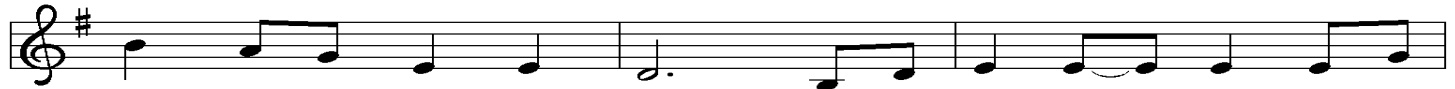
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Please repeat until Communion is complete

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



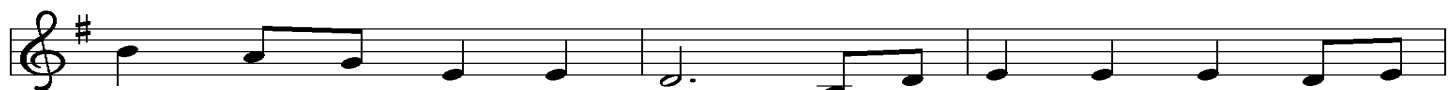
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Please stand if you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Disciples Serving:</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Presider/Supply	Gwen Hedding	Pastor Dominic Palacios
Assisting Minister:	Cyrisse Cooley	Gwen Hedding
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren	Connie Wisthoff/Cassie Walgren
Ushers/Greeters:	Marvin Wisthoff	Marvin Wisthoff
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic	Nancy Piazza/Leanne Neu
JAM:	Stacie Bowens/Denise Tristano	Children's Sermon

PRAYERS

<u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u>	<u>Added by Members</u>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
John Centa	Bowens Family
Fred Cortese	Gwen Hedding
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Arlis Petersen	Mother of Leanne Neu
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell

BIRTHDAYS

February 16	Karen Dunton
February 17	Liam Wisthoff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † Liturgy Meeting - today after worship.
- † Lay Ministry Meeting with Pastor Bill: Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm at Tabor
- † We will be having several upcoming Special Sundays. All are encouraged to attend.
 - February 23:** Healing and short presentation with Pastor Dominic Palacios
 - March 9:** Healing with Pastor Karen Matuska
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THE GOOD NEWS

TABOR TIDBITS WEEKLY UPDATE

February 13, 2025



Lay Ministry Liturgy Meeting
February 16th after worship
Lay Ministry Meeting:
Originally scheduled on Feb 13th
has been rescheduled for March
10th at 6:30pm at Tabor



The 2024 Contribution Statements are available on the table in the Narthex. Please help save postage and pick yours up.



*Ash Wednesday service will be held
on March 5 at 5:30pm
Adam Bowens will lead the service.*



Church Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month after worship.
Next Meeting: March 9, 2025
All Members are welcome to attend



Gwen Hedding will be leading a Lenten Bible Study. It will be held on Sundays after worship. Participants can meet in the Parlor after coffee fellowship. It will start on March 9th and will go through Palm Sunday, April 13th. Participants are asked to pay for half of the cost of the study books and Tabor will pay half.



Tabor is starting the "Healing" portion of our transition process as recommended by Pastor Dominic Palacios. Pastor Dominic and Pastor Karen Matuska will be aiding in this Healing portion. We strongly encourage everyone to attend these 'Special Sundays'.
February 23: Healing and short presentation with Pastor Dominic
March 9: Healing with Pastor Karen
March 23: Healing with Pastor Dominic
We encourage everyone to attend and take part in any after-worship sessions that Pastor Karen and Pastor Dominic are having.



Noisy Offering collections from January—June 2025 will go to the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center. Our JAM kids will be making blankets for the children.
The Noisy offering collections from July—December 2025 will go to Meal on Wheels.

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