

# Welcome to our church



## United Methodist Church of Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

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### Communion February 2, 2025 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY** - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. Please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (\*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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#### Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

#### Passing the Peace

#### Call To Worship: responsive reading

L: Let us gather to listen deeply.

**P: Word of God, speak.**

L: Let us gather with childlike faith.

**P: Ageless wisdom, reveal.**

L: Word of God, speak.

**P: Your servants are listening.**

#### \*Hymn #2032: *My Life Is In You, Lord*

My life is in You, Lord

My strength is in You, Lord

My hope is in You, Lord

In You, it's in You. (Repeat)

I will praise You with all of my heart

I will praise You with all of my hope

With all of my life, and all of my strength

All of my hope is in You

**Morning Prayer** unison

**God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith. Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it's hard to hear. Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don't feel confident or capable. Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love to the world. Amen.**

**Celebrations & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Gloria Patri**

UMH #71

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Ministry in Music:** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**Psalm 71:1-12:** pg. 794

**Response:** O Lord, you are my hope,  
my trust, from my youth.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me, and save me!**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress:

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my, hope, my trust, • Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you. R**

I have been an example to many,  
for you are my strong refuge.

**My mouth is filled with your praise  
and with your glory all the day.**

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
forsake me not when my strength is spent.

**For my enemies speak concerning me,**  
those who watch for my life consult together, saying,

**“God has forsaken him;**

**Pursue and seize him,**

**For there is no deliverer.”**

O God, be not far from me;

**O my God, make haste to help me!**

**R**

**\*Hymn #600:** *Wonderful Words of Life*

1. Sing them over again to me,  
wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see,  
wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty  
teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all  
wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call,  
wonderful words of life;

all so freely given,  
wooing us to heaven.

Refrain

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all,  
wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior,  
sanctify forever.

Refrain

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-10 pg. 698 O. T.

**4** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

**5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

**6** “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to  
speak; I am too young.”

**7** But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’  
You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I  
command you. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with  
you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

**9** Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my  
mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your  
mouth.**10** See, today I appoint you over nations and  
kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and  
overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4:21-30 pg. 61 New Testament

**21** He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is  
fulfilled in your hearing.”

**22** All spoke well of him and were amazed at the  
gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this  
Joseph’s son?” they asked.

**23** Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this  
proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will  
tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard  
that you did in Capernaum.’”

**24** “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is  
accepted in his hometown. **25** I assure you that there  
were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the  
sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a  
severe famine throughout the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not  
sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the  
region of Sidon.**27** And there were many in Israel with  
leprosy[a] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one  
of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

**28** All the people in the synagogue were furious when  
they heard this. **29** They got up, drove him out of the  
town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the  
town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. **30** But  
he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

L. This is The Word of God, for the People of God.

**P. Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**

Pastor Hwang Heo

**Invitation to Communion**

All are welcome, regardless of age or  
church membership

\***Hymn:** *God Has Shown Thee*

God has shown thee, O mortal,  
what is good and what the Lord requires of thee. repeat

But to do justly, and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with thy God. repeat

\***Offering**

\***Doxology**

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Benediction Postlude**

**Offering:** Please leave your offering in the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Kevin McLaughlin, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Anna Dunlap, Scott Shippey, Barbara Granger, Billy Clark, Robert Dout, Pastor Hwang & Family, Sage Marion-Patruno, Hugh 'Scotty' Hutton, Edgar & Maria, Lisa Barnes, Our Church

## **Communion**

### **Communion Invitation**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

### **Confession and Pardon**

Let us confess our sins and receive God's pardon.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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### **Taking the bread and cup**

Trusting in the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of us, we hear anew the sacred story in the letter Paul wrote to the people of ancient Corinth: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11.23-26, NIV)

### **The Lord's prayer**

Longing for Christ's coming, let us pray in the words that

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he taught, saying:

**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.**

**Breaking the bread**

We give thanks for Rev. Sooyoun Kim and Wesley UMC for sharing these consecrated elements. Because there is one loaf, We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**Giving the bread and cup**

We will be receiving communion in a continuous line. Please come forward, receive the elements, consume them where you stand, and then return to your seat.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**Prayer**

Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ, whose holy life, suffering and death, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death. We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**We're cooking at the So. Hadley Methodist Church**

**Grab & Go**

**Shepherd's Pie & Brownie Trifle**

**February 21 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

**\$12.00**

**Menu: Shepherd's Pie Bun  
Brownie trifle Beverage**



**To order: call: 413 532-000**

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OR fill out the form and leave it in offering plate.

Include your name, phone & number of meals

Notify us if anyone in your party has a food allergy.

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If you will help prepare, sign up, call or email the church.

Helping is fun.

I will help \_\_\_\_\_

Take & Go Reservations

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

No. of meals \_\_\_\_\_

Join us after worship join us in Fellowship Hall  
for coffee and...

February 11: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustee meeting in  
Pastor's office & on Zoom

February 12: 9:00 a.m. UWF in Fellowship Hall

February 21: 5-5:30 p.m. Grab & Go meals

February 23: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due.

February 28: 5:30-8 p.m. Free! Movie night, hot dogs  
& popcorn.

March 5: Ash Wednesday

Sundays 11:00 Choir

11:30 Bell choir

-Wild Fire Relief: At this point, people are encouraged to pray and give money to what will be a very long recovery process. You can donate money through our church to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to support the church's response to the fires and other U.S. disasters.

The Altadena United Methodist Church in Altadena, CA district superintendent Gilliam surveyed the damage in hard-hit Altadena and said the pastor, Rev. J. Andre Wilson, and his wife, Heather reminded him that while the building is gone, the true church lives on. Gilliam has heard much the same sentiment from the church's members.

"They still have this incredible spirit of faith and trust in God, even through this devastation," Gilliam said. "They still believe God can take something tragic and bring something good out of it."