

## Prayer Concerns

°Condolences to the family of Jim Sainsbury, on his passing	°Janis J.s' brother, Kirk °Barbara B.
·Condolences to the family of Joan Holden, on her passing	·Alice T., Paul T.'s mother ·Carolyn B.'s friend
*Condolences to the family of Joan Thomas, on her passing	*Chris & Ava K., lifted by Jean S.
°Susan W.	*Carol N. and her sister
°Bunny, cousin of Liz L.	

\*=1 week   °=2 weeks   ·=3 weeks   \*=4 weeks on prayer list

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

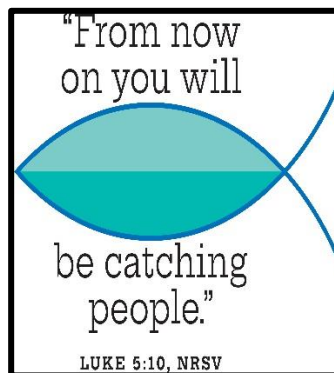
2/9 Ron Clough                      2/13 Jean & Gary Scothon  
2/11 Colette Pattison              2/13 Andrew Sabin  
2/12 Jim and Judy Sainsbury (52)   2/14 Carol Weinert  
2/12 Beth Cruz

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm  
Liturgist: Michelle Wolter  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Judi Wagner  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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## Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 9, 2025 10:30 am

### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### Celebration of Ministries and Missions

**Prelude**                      *Waft her, Angels*      Handel/ arr. Ernest A. Dicks

### \*Call to Worship

Michelle Wolter

L: Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

L: Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

L: Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow.**

L: Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

**P: God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go!**

**\*Unison Prayer**

Some have come under compulsion. Some have come out of curiosity. Some have come out of great need. Some have come out of tradition. Some have come to dedicate their new outfit. All will meet Jesus. All will have the opportunity to be blessed. All will decide what to do, having met Jesus. May we decide to follow him. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 138

**\*Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responsive Prayer of Confession**

L: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

**P: Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance.**

L: Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

**P: Through your Spirit, we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.**

L: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling.

**P: Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.**

L: Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We come together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith.

**P: Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.**

**Responsive Words of Pardon and Assurance**

L: Through the Living Spirit of God and the Risen Christ, know that you are forgiven.

**P: Through the Living Spirit of God and the Risen Christ, know that you are forgiven.**

**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.

**Anthem** *The God of Love My Shepherd Is* Roy Hopp

**\*Prayer for the Offering**

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**Gospel Reading** Luke 5:1-11

**Hymn** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS 2129

**Sermon** "Catching People" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**\*Hymn** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* UMH 430

**Responsive Benediction**

L: As you go into the coming days, remember: You do not go alone.

**P: God's faithful love goes with you. No matter what you are facing, God will not abandon you.**

L: For you belong to Him, and He will fulfill His plans for your life.

**P: So go from here, strong in the knowledge that God's loving presence goes with you. Amen.**

**Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in F* David Lasky  
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

*\*Please stand if you are able.*