

# February 2, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"He Hideth My Soul" William J. Kirkpatrick/Mark Hayes

\*\*Call to Worship

Let us gather to listen deeply.

**Word of God, speak.**

Let us gather with childlike faith.

**Ageless wisdom, reveal.**

Word of God, speak.

**Your servants are listening.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" (v.1-4) UMH #529

Opening 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.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be" UMH #399

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory

"Under His Wings" Carol Stewart  
Ira D. Sankey

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bless these gifts, O God, with your love, your strength, and your presence. May the ministries this offering supports be a sign of your love, strength, and presence in the world. Amen.**

Ministry of Music Suzanne Bandy, vocal solo; Pam Colbrunn, piano  
"In Remembrance of Me" Cheri Keaggy

Scripture Reading

Psalms 71:1-6

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "A Safe Space" Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*\*Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"A Shelter in the Time of Storm" & "Hiding in Thee" Carol Stewart  
Ira D. Sankey



*The Altar Flowers are given by Don & Ann Wolf  
in memory of their parents.*

## Scripture Reading – Psalm 71: 1-6 (NRSVUE)

### Psalm 71

#### Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.
- <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- <sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- <sup>6</sup> From my birth I have leaned upon you,  
my protector since my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

### February 2, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Jim Osburn, Jake Van Schagen, Micah Fleming, Eric Fleming
Greeters	Becky Cultice, Laura Roby
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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