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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Human Relations Day
Friends & Family Sunday
Name That Hymn**

JANUARY 18, 2026

10:30 am Sunday Service

Rev. Raquel Alston, Pastor
Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music

Reader: Ms. Georgia Whitney
Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy

*We are a Christ-centered community
of faith and love, reaching out to all.*

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42

ONE: The Lord called us before we were formed.

MANY: God's grace is at work among all people.

ONE: Christ comes as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

MANY: We testify to the One who brings light, justice, and hope.

ALL: Let us worship the God who calls us together as one family!

DECLARATION & PRAISE: *Songs of Identity and Mission:*

Based on Psalm 40:1-11

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry!"

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

"Spirit Song"

Hymnal #347

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 1:29–42

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jim Grande

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach

THE PROCLAIMED WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 1:29-42

Sermon: **Called Together In Christ**

The Rev. Raquel Alston

HYMN

Hymnal #348

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

A Service Of Word And Table II

Hymnal #12-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER / OMBI LA BWANA YESU (Swahili)

English

Swahili + Pronunciation

Our Father, who
art in heaven

Baba yetu uliye mbinguni (BAH-bah YEH-
too oo-LEE-yeh mm-bee-NGOO-nee)

Hallowed be thy
name.

Jina lako litukuzwe. (JEE-nah LAH-koh
lee-too-KOOZ-weh)

Thy kingdom
come.

Ufalme wako uje. (oo-FAHL-meh WAH-koh
OO-jeh)

Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in
heaven.

Mapenzi yako yatimizwe, duniani kama
mbinguni. (mah-PEN-zee YAH-koh yah-tee-
MEEZ-weh, doo-nee-AH-nee KAH-mah mm-
bee-NGOO-nee)

Give us this day
our daily bread.

Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku. (oo-TOO-
peh LEH-oh mm-KAH-teh WEH-too wah
KEE-lah SEE-koo)

And forgive us our
trespasses,

Na utusamehe makosa yetu. (nah oo-too-sah-
MEH-heh mah-KOH-sah YEH-too)

As we forgive
those who
trespass against
us.

Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe wakosaji wetu.
(KAH-mah NAH-see too-nah-vee-yoh-wah-
sah-MEH-heh wah-koh-SAH-jee WEH-too)

And lead us not
into temptation,

Wala usitutie katika majaribu. (WAH-lah oo-
see-too-TEE-eh kah-TEE-kah mah-jah-REE-
boo)

English

But deliver us
from evil.

Amen.

Swahili + Pronunciation

Lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu. (lah-KEE-nee
oo-too-oh-KOH-eh nah YOO-leh mm-WOH-
voo)

Amina. (ah-MEE-nah)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY RECOGNITION

CHURCH LIFE & MINISTRY

SENDING HYMN "Standing on the Promises" Hymnal #374

BENEDICTION

Go forth as people who have been enriched in Christ with speech and knowledge, and you lack no spiritual gift. Invite others to "come and see" the Lamb of God. May you build bridges of understanding across all human divisions, honoring the dignity of every person. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, go and be witnesses. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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