

**Soup Sale:** Our Soup Sale will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon till we sell out! We have lots of soup to sell, so tell as many people as you can so we can make this a very successful fundraiser! And don't forget all the goodies that will be available for purchase. The menu is: Buffalo Chicken, Minestrone, Chili, Turkey, Chicken Vegetable, Navy Bean, Tomato Basil, Goulash, Chicken Vermicelli, Taco and Lentil. Soup containers are available in the church office. I'll be emailing reminders. Thank you! Shirley Byczynski



## **4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 2nd, 2025**

**10:30am**

**Central Park United Methodist Church**

216 Beard Ave.

Buffalo NY 14214

**Website:** [centralparkcomplex.com](http://centralparkcomplex.com)

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**Clara's Closet Website:** [clarasclosetbuffalo.org](http://clarasclosetbuffalo.org)

**Rev. Brian Rotach, Interim Pastor**

**Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music**  
**Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Mr. Peter Hunt**  
**Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy**

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

Use the QR Code Below to make your weekly donation, support Clara's Closet, or purchase tickets to any of our fundraising events. It's the fast & easy way to give.



**You are  
welcome  
here.**

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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

**Prelude** Sonata No. 2 in G Minor, Andantino Robert Schumann

**Greeting/Announcements**

**+Opening Words:** Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12  
*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.**

**+Hymn:** “How Firm A Foundation” Hymnal #529

**Opening Prayer (Unison):**

God of love and life, speak to our hearts today. 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..

**Invitation to Children** “Where Children Belong” FWS #2233

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

**A Time for Children**

**Choral Anthem:** “Wade in the Water” Carl Haywood

**The Psalm:** Psalm 71:1-6 pew Bible page #532

**+The Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30 pew Bible page 61

**+Hymn:** “My Life Is in You, Lord” Insert

**The Sermon** The Rev. Brian Rotach

**Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayers**

**Baba Yetu** Mr. Kakela Kalonda  
Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, Jina lako litukuzwe; Ufalme wako ufike, Utakalo lifanyike Duniani kama mbinguni. Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku, Utusamehe makosa yetu, Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea. Usitutie katika kishawishi, Lakini utuopoe maovuni. Amina.

**The Lord’s Prayer** Hymnal #895

**Tithes and Offerings**

On this day of celebration, let us bring our gifts, as sages of old once brought gifts to the baby Jesus. May our gifts help bring the light of Christ to the world.

**Offertory Hymn:** Hymnal #393  
“Spirit of the Living God”, sung twice

**+Blessing our Gifts**

**Holy Communion** Hymnal #15

**+Closing Hymn:** “Here I Am, Lord” Hymnal #593

**+Benediction**

**Postlude** Invention No. 7 in F Major J. S. Bach

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**+denotes standing, as you are able.**

