

# The Good News

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

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Luke 8:14-21 - Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.

He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**“The Spirit of the Lord is  
upon me,  
because he has anointed me**

**to bring good news  
to the poor.**

**He has sent me to proclaim  
release to the captives  
and recovery of sight  
to the blind,  
to set free those  
who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the  
Lord's favor.”**

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”

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Piano Prelude Sue Lincoln

Welcome Rev. Gentle

Opening Song\* "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" #87

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Call to Worship Dalene Zabel

Called by God, we have come to worship.  
**Called by Christ, we have come to follow.**  
Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.  
**Called together, let us worship God!**

Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #100 (1,3,4)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Gentle

Lord's Prayer Unison

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21 Dalene Zabel

Meditation "Good News" Rev. Gentle

Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #453 (1,2)

\* Please rise

Invitation to Share

Doxology\*

Unison

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Gentle

Elder's Prayer

Words of Institution

Rev. Gentle

Partaking of the Elements

Unison

*Come forward after singing the verse to receive communion  
(grape juice, and gluten free bread).*

Come to the table of grace,  
come to the table of grace  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine  
Come to the table of grace!

Come to the table of grace,  
come to the table of grace  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine  
Come to the table of grace!

Closing Prayer

Unison

**Everlasting and ever caring God,  
your steadfast love endures forever.  
Help us to be living witnesses to your love, so that in the  
ways we give, the ways we care, the ways we live and  
share, others may see Christ's presence. Amen.**

Hymn\*

"All My Hope on God  
is Founded"

#88

Benediction

Rev. Gentle

Congregational Response

Unison

Piano Postlude

Sue Lincoln

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◇ Emily N-M's family, prayers of support after the passing of Randy, her stepdad.
- ◇ Prayers for Deb D in hospice
- ◇ Ian P, a young friend of the Jewett's, now has three possible bone marrow donor matches.
- ◇ Ralph and Bea P, prayers of support
- ◇ Eva H-B, strength in recovery

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 27 - Food 4 Friends at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Feb 3 - Rev. Gentle out of town for pastoral retreat.

Feb 6 - Special Board Meeting at 10 AM in the Parlor.

### PROPERTY SALE UPDATE:

The board is continuing to gather information and a congregation meeting will be scheduled next month.

*“Loving and Serving Christ in our  
Community and World”*