



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord with all that you have!

**People: Praise and trust in the Lord with all your heart and soul!**

Leader: For God is with us throughout all our lives.

**People: God's loving presence surrounds us and comforts us in times of trouble.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord at all times, in all places.

**People: For God is steadfast and loving to us all.**

#### Invocation

#### Hymn of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of love and power, we confess those times in life when we feel overwhelmed by the weight of uncertainty and fear.

**People: We feel battered by waves of misfortune, sorrow, regret, and anger. We long for our storms to be stilled.**

Leader: We hear the stories of miracles, and wonder if such things could ever happen in our lives.

**People: In despair, we question Your unfailing love, and we wonder where You are.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of faith.

**People: Please forgive us. Teach us the peace and joy that comes when we fix our eyes on Your abiding presence. May we learn to rest in Your promises, and follow You faithfully in love and witness.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Fear not! God is with us, bringing comfort and peace to all the uncertainties in our lives. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: We are God's beloved children; forgiven and restored through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

#### Doxology

#### New Testament Reading

Psalm 146

#### Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

#### Hymn of Reflection

"Live Your Love"

#### Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:18-35

#### Sermon

"Are We There Yet?"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

#### Hymn of Commitment

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

#### Benediction