



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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January 26th, 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Make Us One

#2246

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: Welcome Song

***HYMN: This is the Day**

#657 (2x)

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: You are welcome here whoever you are.

P: That is good news!

L: Bring yourself and gifts in praise of God.

P: We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

L: Jesus speaks to us of freedom, release from captivity, recovery of sight.

P: Jesus calls us to be the disciples needed in God's kingdom. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of Hope and Light, you have opened the doors of service for us. We are encouraged to become involved in the ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM: A Place at the Table

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4:14-21

***HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth**

#92 (vs 1-4)

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

***HYMN: I Will Call Upon the Lord**

#2002

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

29--Tom & Debbie Martin--anniv

Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body, and may we be your hands, feet, and voice in this, your world. Amen.

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Giving is not a casual act—it relates God’s work to our work. Peter writes: “As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace, that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” Let us give as people whose work is inextricably linked to God’s great works of creation, redemption, and empowerment.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

God you who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. May our giving this morning bring love to the beloved children of God who are feeling unloved and forgotten, and may it bring justice and mercy to those who are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing all creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen