

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30AM, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP      Responsive

God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**But who am I, that God should call me?**

You are a beloved child of God.

**But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.**

God is with you; don't be afraid.

**Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you.  
AMEN.**

\*HYMN                              "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"                              **UMH # 139**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                              Apostles' Creed                              **UMH # 881**

### OPENING PRAYER      Unison

**Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON      Unison

**God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us.**

**Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray. AMEN.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven! AMEN. **Thanks be to God.**

## JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV)**

- 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."  
6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."  
7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."  
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

### MESSAGE

**"Jesus Says Follow Me"**

**Rev. Dongkue Jee**

## RESPOND TO THE WORD

\* HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" **UMH # 463**

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION **UMH # 13**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

## OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH # 95**

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. AMEN.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" **UMH # 577**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



*Welcome to*

# Mendham United Methodist Church

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\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.