



The Gathering

@Northfield United Methodist Parish

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

We invite you to silence your phones prior to the start of worship.

Gathering

Greetings and Ministry Updates

Praise

***The Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

This is the day that our God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Songs of Praise**

- *Fairest Lord Jesus*
UMH 189
- *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
UMH 420

***Our Act of Praise**

Psalm 37:1-7

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord,
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

***Giving Glory to God** (*The Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Listening for God to Speak

The Story of Faith

Luke 5:17-26
Common English Bible

¹⁷ One day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and legal experts were sitting nearby. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. Now the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. ¹⁸ Some men were bringing a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. They wanted to carry him in and place him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they took him up on the roof and lowered him—cot and all—through the roof tiles into the crowded room in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The legal experts and Pharisees began to mutter among themselves, "Who is this who insults God? Only God can forgive sins!"

²² Jesus recognized what they were discussing and responded, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? ²³ Which is easier—to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But so that you will know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins" —Jesus now spoke to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, get up, take your cot, and go home." ²⁵ Right away, the man stood before them, picked up his cot, and went home, praising God.

²⁶ All the people were beside themselves with wonder. Filled with awe, they glorified God, saying, "We've seen unimaginable things today."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

The Word Proclaimed

Rev. Jay Voorhees

Having Faith for Another

***Hymn of Response**

- *Amazing Grace*
UMH 378, Vss. 1,3,4,6

The Work of the Church

Celebrating God's Gifts

- Sharing God's Presence This Week
- Presenting Our Offerings

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
 - The Prayers of the People
 - 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Our Choral Benediction

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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Making Sense of the Bible

A framework for thinking about the texts of faith



**Starting Sunday, March 2, 2025
3 – 4 p.m. via Zoom**

Making Sense of the Bible is a 6-week class during Lent that is designed to help all in their connection to the sacred texts of our faith. The class will include an overview of how the Bible as we know it came to being, guides to biblical resources, and several different ways of reading the scriptures. Anyone who has interest in how the bible connects to our faith is welcome to join us.

Email Jay at revjayv@gmail.com to let him know of your interest in the class.