

We Are Sent Forth

***Hymn #367**

He Touched Me

***Blessing**

God sends us into the world,
so we may see Jesus at work in all the desolate places.
As one with compassion, Jesus calls,
so we may follow him to those who live on the fringe of life.
The Spirit opens our ears and our hearts,
so we may hear the cries looking for hope.

Postlude (Music that sends us forth, please remain seated until the music is concluded.)

Prayer/Concerns Requests

Sherrad Adam	Richard Angel	Jim Avery
Jacob Boltz	Anthony Bush	Lisa Cole
Joe Colen	Nydia Deutschman	Josh Earl
Dick & Sandy Gill	- Person who hit them	Tom Hale
Bob Harman Family	Bob Harmon	Sharon Hernandez
Carole Hummel	Zak Hunte	
Family of Tom & Char Horky	Family of Melvin Johnson	Virgil Krassow
Eugene Lamb	Karen Landries	Marcia Moore
Joel Nowicki	Luann Palmer	Robert Palmer
Joe Perez	Laura Rothhaar	Family of Bob Sabo
Family of Nicholas Salaz	Donnagene Shrider	Eileen Smith
Derek Stender	Charles "Butch" Vestal	Family of Michael Wenig

Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Pastor Rev Bruce McDaniel
Organist..... Linda Allen
Pianist..... Kathy Bame
Liturgist Kathy Bame
Greeters: North Karen Himelhan
 East..... Pat Fortney
Ushers Tom & Carolyn Keys

*Christ United Methodist Church
301 West Main Street
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Mark 1:22



*He taught them as one
who had authority.*

**Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Christ Church Vision Statement:
CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD
[HTTP://HOME.DACOR.NET/CHRISTUMC/](http://home.dacor.net/christumc/)**

Christ United Methodist Church

February 1, 2015
4th Sunday after Epiphany

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

*Call to Worship

Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something:

we enter this sanctuary of Truth.

In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints:

we gather as God's people.

Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:

we lift our praise to God.

*Hymn #273

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

*Invocation

As Jesus spoke to those whom he first invited to join him on The Way, he invited them to change the world. He still invites us to change our lives so that he might change the world now through us

How, O God, will he change the world through us? Will it mean that personal relationships and public policy will change? Will it mean the priorities in my life may have to be reordered? Such a big part of me is not sure I am ready for that or that I will ever be!

It is not a matter of whether or not we are ready. In some respects it is not even a matter of whether we are willing. Christ has, is and will transform our world and will transform us. The question is; Do we trust Christ enough to follow, to imitate him?

Help us God to use this time of worship to discern how we are going to allow ourselves to be transformed. May we have courage enough to walk into the unknown and to journey along a path that has not yet been revealed, knowing all the time that Christ goes ahead of us.

We Proclaim God's Word

Time with the Children

"Jesus' Love"

Hearing the Sacred Text

Mark 1:21-28

Interpretation of the Sacred Text

"Wholeness-Making Ministry"

We Respond to God's Word

Offering our Prayer

Sharing our Prayer

Time of Silent and Personal Prayer

Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Invitation

*Doxology and Offering Prayer

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Now, we know how easily we could treat our abundant resources as idols, Holy God, so we will treat them as they truly are, marvelous gifts meant to be shared so others might know of your marvelous presence in their lives. Bless what we offer to you, and use it in service to others, we pray. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

May the God of wondrous deeds be with you! And let us give thanks to our God as We lift our whole hearts to God, holding nothing back.....Thus, with prophets and those who never listen, with the foolish, as well as the faithful, of every age, we sing our songs of praise to you:

Holy are you, Awesome Creator, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all. He teaches, as one with authority, those who rebel against you. He heals.....As we remember what Jesus has done for us, as we celebrate his life, death, and resurrection, we speak of that mystery we know as faith:

You long to have everything to do with us, God of wonders, and so you call us to this table of peace, hope, reconciliation. Here, in the bread and the cup.....And when all human time and history is done, when we are gathered with our sisters and brothers in that time with you we call eternity, we will praise you forever, singing glory to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Stewardship of Time and Talents, January 25, 2015

General.....	\$1,061.30	Parsonage	\$75.00
Coffee Outreach.....	\$18.00	Hospitalization.....	\$95.00
Food Pantry.....	\$50.00	Human Relations Day	\$25.00
Benevolences	\$50.00	Hall Use.....	\$500.00
Deposit	\$75.00		
Attendance: Worship – 31		Sunday school –	

Schedule of Events

Today, February 1, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Worship
.....	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday, February 2, 2015.....	9:00 a.m.	Sermon Shaping
Wednesday, February 4, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Book Club
Thursday, February 5, 2015	7:00 p.m.	Blessings of the Flesh Study
Friday, February 6, 2015	8:00 a.m.	REACH, all day

Announcements and Reminders

Food Pantry Request To continue our year-long focus on hunger, we have two opportunities. The first opportunity invites you to participate by sharing your heart and your love, for a brother or sister in our community who may be struggling to keep enough food on the table. The invitation is to take a heart or two, or three, from the table in the narthex and bring in those items on each heart between now and February 15, 2015. The other opportunity is an invitation to become further educated about hunger issues. In the fellowship hall are handouts about hunger information and websites you might visit to learn more.

The **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** wants to announce two upcoming projects: Due to the great response surrounding the blankets for the Humane Society, the Outreach Committee is once again helping them with products they need. The two projects this month are: 1) Bringing in one or both of two items: liquid bleach and paper towels. 2) Offering you breakfast on February 15, where your payment for breakfast that day is your donation of any of the items asked for in the above announcements. So what an easier or better way to enjoy breakfast, and what a great way to help out.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING - SCHOOL KITS (All items included in kits must be NEW) The United Methodist Women are collecting the following items. Kits will be packed in September. (1) pair of metal scissors with rounded tips; (3) 70 count spiral notebooks; (1) 12 inch ruler; (1) hand held pencil sharpener (1) large eraser (6) new pencils with erasers and (1) box of 24 crayons.