

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) COMMUNITY
WILDE LAKE INTERFAITH CENTER • COLUMBIA, MARYLAND
UNITED IN LOVE – UNITED FOR SERVICE

January 19, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY // VIA ZOOM ONLY

Zoom Link:

[Jan 19th Worship Service Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 853 0936 1390

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Liturgist: Debbie Parker

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (video)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

The one more powerful than I will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

O Christ, through the words and actions of your prophet you have opened the door of repentance. Now, make us servants of your Good News today and always. Amen.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING #1 Mark 1:1 – 8

ANTHEM “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (video)

SCRIPTURE READING #2 Mark 1:9 – 13

TIME WITH

YOUNG DISCIPLES “About Face!” Pastor Steve Nofel

MESSAGE “TURN AROUND” Pastor Steve Nofel

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF GENEROSITY

Jesus Christ, font of every blessing, please use our offerings to bring the Good News to all we touch. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Down By the Riverside”

(video)

BENEDICTION

REMINDER!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 WORSHIP SERVICE AND
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

We will return to in-person worship in Room 4. The congregational meeting will also be in-person immediately following worship in Room 10.

Those who are unable to participate in person will be able to access both the worship service and the meeting from the Zoom link below.

Zoom Link:

[Jan 26th Service and Annual Meeting Zoom Link](#)

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The link will also be posted in the Flash and on our website (sjunited.org).

CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF JAN 19 – JAN 26

All meetings are via Zoom (unless otherwise noted).

All meetings are open to the members and affiliates of SJU unless otherwise noted. Members are encouraged to connect to, engage, and invest in the life and leadership of this Body of Christ, the church! Contact SJUColumbia@gmail.com if you wish to receive meeting and contact information on anything below:

Sun, 1/19	8:30 am	CHRISTIAN APPLICATION
	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (Zoom only) (<i>Liturgist: Debbie Parker</i>)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 1/20		OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
Tue, 1/21	7:30 pm	PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Sat, 1/25	9:00 am	MEN'S GROUP
Sun, 1/26	8:30 am	CHRISTIAN APPLICATION
	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (in-person and Zoom) (<i>District Superintendent Rev. Jim Miller and General Presbyter Rev. Jacqueline Taylor are scheduled to join us for worship and the congregational meeting.</i>)
	11:30 am	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Room 10; in-person and Zoom)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP

Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible

Mark 1:1 – 8

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Mark 1:9 – 13

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

