



**FIFTH  
SUNDAY AFTER THE  
EPIPHANY**

FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
10:30 AM

## WELCOME!

***"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes  
the one who sent me."***

**(Matthew 10:40)**

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.

### Getting Connected

We are truly glad you are here! We invite you to take a look at this week's announcements and feel free to participate in any upcoming activities that interest you.

Check out [cofumc.org](http://cofumc.org) for information about:

- ♦ Children & Youth
- ♦ Adult Learning & Small Groups
- ♦ Choir & Music Ministry
- ♦ The Food Pantry
- ♦ Local Mission & Outreach

### Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer concerns and praises online at [pastor@cofumc.org](mailto:pastor@cofumc.org) at any time. These prayers are then collected and shared on Mondays with a small, faithful prayer team who commits to praying over all needs within the community.

### Holy Communion

As a United Methodist congregation, we practice an open Communion Table. This means that ***all*** are welcome to participate. For those with allergies, gluten free elements are available upon request.

### Guest WiFi

To access wifi during worship, the guest password is: [Godlovesyou](#)



### Giving

No cash today but still want to give? No problem. To give online by credit card or EFT transfer, please scan the QR code. Thank you!

## WORSHIP GUIDE

*Welcome! We are glad we could worship with you today!  
May you experience God's blessing upon you.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE                      *I Sing Praises to Your Name*, MacAlmon                      Kelly Nam  
G. Mihalak, Acolyte

WORDS OF WELCOME                      Rev. Abi Foerster

PASSING THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place, taking time apart from the pace of our days.  
**Gentle God, meet us here, and nourish us for the journey.**  
Our minds and lives are cluttered, needs and responsibilities overflow;  
we yearn to be focused.  
**Gentle God, meet us here, and center our hearts in your grace.**  
Surprise us, nudge us, redirect our steps.  
**So sure of the way, Lord, awaken us to new possibilities.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      *Lead Me, Lord*                      UMH #473

\* OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and glory, we come before you this morning with thanksgiving and praises on our lips. Today we are in need of an alignment that only you can give. Open our hearts and minds to receive all that you have to offer so we may be a difference in this world. Transform our souls to grow more into your image that others may see you in us. Accept our brokenness and make us whole again. Reset, restore and direct us. These things we pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Acts:2:1-13 (NRSV, p. 111-112)                      Bill Huff

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE &                      Miracle Ryder  
CHILDREN'S TIME

\*SONG OF PREPARATION                      *Spirit of the Living God*                      UMH #393

CENTERING VIDEO                      *Re-Set*                      Screens

WITNESS TO THE WORD	Reset Direction & Rhythms	Rev. Abi Foerster
*A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION		UMH # 607
INVITATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	<i>Be Still and Know, Johnson</i>	Sanctuary Choir
<p><i>During the Offertory, please come forward and place your tithes and offerings in the brass plate on the altar. Or, you may give electronically through our website, <a href="https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/">https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/</a>.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity.</i></p>		
*DOXOLOGY		UMH #94
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Hannah Godfrey
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
<p>Our Father, who art in heaven,  Hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen.</p>		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Have Thine Own Way</i>	UMH #382
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Abi Foerster
*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH #665
*POSTLUDE	<i>You're Worthy of My Praise, Ruis</i>	Kelly Nam

## WAYS TO CONNECT, GROW & SERVE



**Save the Date!** Don't have Valentine's Day Plans worked out yet? No problem! This year, we are co-hosting a joint Pancakes & Ashes Worship Event with Vale UMC. Their Boy Scout Troop will be serving a Pancake Dinner starting at 6:00 PM by donation. This will be followed by a hands-on, all-age worship experience to mark the beginning of Lent. Participants will reflect on the various meanings of Ash as an initial starting point on the pathway towards Easter and learning to love like Jesus. RSVP today by emailing Di Hannum at [office@cofumc.org](mailto:office@cofumc.org).



**New Member Class:** What does it mean to be deeply committed Christians, growing in faith every day? How do we become fully engaged

and flourishing in the Christian life? In this series, we explore a model for Christian discipleship built around five essential practices that we engage in both collectively and individually in order to more fully follow Jesus. The Five Practices: Worship, Study, Serve, Give, and Share. At Community of Faith, this offering is designed for both new members and for those existing members looking for renewal. Starts Sunday, Febr. 18. Email [pastor@cofumc.org](mailto:pastor@cofumc.org) to sign up today.



**The contemplative worship service** in the Celtic tradition is rich with prayer, silence, scripture, music, and Communion. It is the antidote to our often-hectic schedules and frenzied pace of life. This service is co-hosted with Epiphany Episcopal Church and will be held on Sunday, February 18, with dinner being served at 6:00 PM and worship to follow at 6:45 PM. To RSVP for dinner, please email Di at [office@cofumc.org](mailto:office@cofumc.org), or call 703-620-1977 by Thursday, February 15 at 12:00 Noon. Cost for dinner is by donation.



**Apartment Needed:** A middle-aged, Ukrainian couple, who is here in the US because of the war in their own country, is in need of a room (with shared kitchen) or apartment to rent. This couple has faithfully volunteered with our Food Pantry, and they are now about to face eviction (April 1) from their current basement apartment because the owners are selling. If you can provide a room or are aware of an affordable rental option -- please contact Pastor Abi. The husband is quite handy, both are non-smokers, and they do have their own transportation.

**Easter Flower Sales:** We will be selling Easter flowers on Sundays, Feb. 18 – Mar. 3 via paper form that can be turned into the Offering Plate during worship and on the Donate page of our website. We're offering tulips, crocuses, and Easter lilies for \$10 per pot, geraniums for \$15 per hanging basket, and hydrangeas for \$20 per pot. Flowers will decorate the Altar Easter Sunday and then you can take them home to include in your garden. Please see Di in the office with any questions.



**Adult Sunday School:** Join teacher and facilitator, Mike Folsom, as the Adult Sunday School Class continues to explore the writings of Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians.

**\$4 /bag**  
**+ FREE Delivery**

Website:  
**troop158va.org**

## BSA Troop 158 • Oak Hill, VA

## 2024 Mulch Fundraiser

Proceeds support monthly camping trips, activities, high adventure trips, advancements and awards. Troop 158 thanks you for your support!

- Product:** 2 cu. ft. bags - brown shredded hardwood mulch
- Price:** \$4.00/bag *(includes FREE delivery)!*
- Delivery Date:** Saturday, March 16
- Orders Due:** Wednesday, March 6

**Don't need mulch? Donations are also greatly appreciated!**

Secure online ordering and donations:  
**<https://squareup.com/store/troop158va>**  
OR scan this QR code

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of severe inclement weather, an alternate delivery date will be scheduled.



## PRAYERS

*Do you have an immediate prayer request?*

*There is an intercessory prayer team that prays for all submitted prayer requests each week.*

*Please email any prayer requests to Pastor Abi.*

### ***For our members***

- Ali Greenberg's new job
- Marcia Johnston, for health
- Gail Harman for Health
- Violet Durfee for health
- David Durfee recovering from hip surgery
- For our Food Pantry for donations and for volunteers

### ***For our parents and families***

- Raj's mom, Beryl recovering from shingles
- Jocelyn's daughter June for ACL surgery
- Dhana's grandson Malcolm pneumonia
- David's cousin Laura
- Gwen's mother-in-law Tony
- Miracle's brother Kevin
- Wes, Eva Barcia's uncle as he recovers from an illness
- Parents of Lara Fries (Shelby), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Kim Fuller (Joanne), Terri Orvis, Di Hannum (Dottie) Don & Debbie Fultz (Dorothy) (Beth) Joanna Dietz mom

### ***For our friends & neighbors***

- Tom and Alice, friend of Gail Van Buren
- David Paranzino. recovery double organ surgery and comfort for Tracy
- Kerry Cathcart, PT hip replacement, friend of Natalie Gohrband
- Josh Wall, friend of Mike Folsom as he recovers from a serious car accident
- Krystal, friend of Joe Mclean

### ***For our state, nation, and world***

- Gratitude for the release of hostages
- Communities dealing with gun violence
- US Military who are being deployed
- Peace between Israel and Palestine
- Christians of Pakistan
- For those suffering from natural disasters throughout the world
- In solidarity with the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, this week we pray for the people, resources and leadership of **Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland.** [The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\).](https://www.oikoumene.org/en/about-the-ecumenical-prayer-cycle)
- People of Ukraine and the opposition in Russia to the invasion



**Today's Flowers are  
Given to the Glory of God**

*By Richard, Sandy & Brian Jones  
in Memory of*

**Orva Honeycutt**

*Mother of Richard Jones  
(Her birthday was Feb. 12)*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING & UPCOMING DATES

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

In-Person Worship, 8:30 AM  
Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
In-Person & Livestream Worship, 10:30 AM  
Confirmation Class 12 PM

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Food Prep, 11AM

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Food Prep, 11 AM  
Food Distribution, 4 – 6 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

Pancakes & Ashes at Vale UMC  
Pancake Dinner 6PM/Service at 7 PM  
Boy Scouts 7:30 PM

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Staff Meeting 4:30 PM  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

### **FRIIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Friday Morning Bible Study w/Joanna Dietz

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

New Members Class Starts, 9:30 AM  
Confirmation Class 12PM  
District Charge Conference, Zoom 2 PM  
Contemplative Service at EEC

### **SATURDAY, February 24**

Leadership Retreat at Oakton 9AM

### **SUNDAY, February 25**

Youth Cohort, Oakton, 12—2 PM

## LEADERSHIP & CONTACT INFORMATION

### *Ministers - The Entire Congregation*

#### *Leadership Board 2024*

Gwen Zanin, chair | Terri Orvis | Jocelyn Gabriel (Lay Leader) | Greg Carter | Larry Gittings  
Gina Lindquist | Sandra Baron | Bill Huff | Carol Larsen | Abi Foerster

*Music Director:* Dr. Mary Ann East | *Music Accompanist:* Dr. Kelly Nam

*Food Ministry Director:* Hannah Godfrey | *Children & Youth Ministry Director:* Miracle Ryder

*Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty | *Nursery Care* – Ali Greenberg

*Resident Deacon* – Joanna Dietz ([revjodietz@gmail.com](mailto:revjodietz@gmail.com))

*District Superintendent* – Sarah Calvert | *Bishop* – Sue Hauptert-Johnson

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