

## CALENDAR

Sun.	Jan. 28, 2018	10AM Worship Deadline to submit articles for the Newsletter
Tues.	Jan. 30, 2018	1-2PM Prayer Time (S) 9:30am Worship Team 5-9PM Tai Chi (FH)
Wed.	Jan. 31, 2018	9:30-11:30AM Crafty Ladies (21)
Thur.	Feb 1, 2018	5-9PM Tai Chi (FH)
Sat.	Feb 3, 2018	9AM-1PM Tai Chi (FH) 4 – 7:30pm Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet (FH,K)
Sun.	Feb 4, 2018	10AM Worship 6-7pm Girl Scouts (F)

Pastor: Rick Rabe  
Today's Liturgist: Pat Atkins  
Organist: William O'Neill  
Sexton: Dave Barnes  
Secretary: Caroline Protono

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2018

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

\*Call to Worship  
Psalm 111

UMH 832

\*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

## \*Opening Prayer:

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people – so full of “knowledge” that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when we you call us to welcome them into our communities. We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love”. Forgive us for demanding uniformity when you call us to celebrate diversity. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your unconditional love. Teach us to see one another as sisters and brothers, that we may learn to live as one family. Amen

## Children’s Time

Call to Prayer “Lord, Listen to your Children Praying” TFWS 2193

## Prayers of the people

**\*At each pause let the people respond: Lord have mercy**

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8: 1 -13

\*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21 - 28

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gloria Patri

## Offering and Offertory Prayer

Message: “Ripples”

Pastor Rick Rabe

Baptism of Luca Kelley Forni

Rev. Ralph Howe

\*Hymn: “*Baptized In Water*”

TFWS 2248

## \*Benediction

## \*POSTLUDE

(\* Let those who are able, stand to the glory of God. **Bold** print is read in unison. )

Resources used for this service include:

Opening prayer by Amy Loving, The Worship Closet

[www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)

Please join us in fellowship after the service in the hall across from the Sanctuary

Please remember to add to our Parish Cupboard wheelbarrow in the Narthex. We are asking for hot and cold boxed cereal this month but are always grateful for any and all donations of food and personal care items.