

JASPER UNITED CHURCH

January 19th, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith.
We strive to seek justice, be an inclusive, caring, and accepting
community, and to be stewards of God’s world.”

WE GATHER WITH GOD

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Settling Moment

Call to Worship (based on John 2: 1 – 11)

Come, let us gather together in expectation.

We come hoping to find Jesus in our midst.

The one who opens our hearts

And helps us discover God.

The one calls us to faith

And reminds us of God’s love.

The one who delights in surprising his people,

a giver of good gifts,

Turning water into wine,

giving hope when our hope has run out.

Come, let us gather together in expectation.

We come searching for Jesus in our midst.

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Lighting the Christ Candle

When the wind of winter blows, bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night; be our hearts’ compassion.

(Light Christ Candle)

Holy Light, warm our night; warm the time of winter.

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(adapted from When the Wind of Winter Blows MV 71)

Opening Prayer

God of abundance, gather us in your vision for us. Forgive our reluctance to trust the banquet you lay before us. It is hard for us to imagine the extravagance of a love so great that includes one such as I, though we long to rest in this assurance. Be among us we pray. We are your gathered people, ready to join your love feast. Speak your invitation to our listening heart that we might receive the fullness of your love and be changed by it. Amen

Opening Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

VU 806

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Incarnate God, we gather to be closer to you this day. As we listen now to your sacred scripture, instill in us the wisdom of your word.
Amen

Isaiah 62:1- 5

Psalm 36: 5 – 10 (VU 762)

John 2: 1 - 11

One: This is the witness of God’s people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

Reflection

GOD NURTURES – WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

GOD GOES WITH US INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU 884

Sending and Blessing

Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren

Reader: Clara Adriano