**Week of February 9 – February 16, 2025**

**Opportunities for Worship, Service, Study, and Fellowship:**

**Today:** Worship 10:45 am

Social Time and refreshments after Worship

**Monday:** Grief Sharing Group Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:** Women’s Circle Fellowship Hall 10:30am

WSAA Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**  Pillars of Faith Fellowship Hall 6-9 pm

**Saturday:**

**Sunday:** Worship 10:45 am

Potluck Dinner after Worship

Committee Meeting After Dinner

Session Meeting After Committee Meeting

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**Notes**

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**Gathering God’s People**

Music for Gathering John Lansdale

Welcome and Announcements Beth Bozeman

**\*Call To Worship:**

**Opening Words:**

Leader: God asks, “Whom shall I send?”

**People: Here I am.**

Leader: Jesus says, “Follow me and share in my work.”

**People: Here I am.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers each one of us for worship.

**People: Here we are to worship God.**

**Opening Song:** *I Surrender All #596*

**Call to confession: Leader**

**Prayer of confession**

Merciful God, you call, but we seldom hear. You beckon, yet we turn away. Sin keeps us from responding to you, thwarting even our best efforts. Forgive our lack of attention to things that matter and restore our sense of your priorities. Focus us on your call to worship and service as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Not even death can separate us from God’s love. This is good news!

**People’ In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: May the Peace of Our Risen Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

(It is our custom to greet one another at this time with the peace of Christ)

Song of Adoration (please stand and sing):

**\*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*Song of praise:**  *He Touched Me #505*

Pastoral prayer and Lord’s Prayer Rev. Samuel Bennett

**Proclaiming the Word of God**

Scripture: James 3:13, 4: 3, Mark 9: 30 - 37

Message:  “Letter of Straw” Rev. Samuel Bennett

**Responding to God’s Grace**

Offering of our gifts and pledges

Offertory Music John Lansdale

\*Doxology (Owens Arrangement) #814

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Samuel Bennett

**\*Sending**

**\*Song of witness:**  Come, Thou Almighty King #8

Benediction Rev. Samuel Bennett

Congregational Response:  *God Be with You* #232

**\*Please stand for these parts of the service if you are able.**