

**Prelude** Phil Haga, organist  
*What Wondrous Love Is This.....* by Paul Christiansen

**Words of Greeting** Alan Gorrell

**Opening Prayer** Alan Gorrell

For those times when we move in the shadow, unaware or unwilling to be aware of how our actions affect others,  
**we come together, in the light, to find our joy in God.**

For those times when we deceive ourselves– not revealing to ourselves or others the true nature of our vulnerabilities and fears,  
**we come together in the truth to find forgiveness in fellowship.**

For those times when life has been revealed, and we have ignored or denied it,  
**we come together to touch grace in the presence of the Spirit of Christ.**

**Hymn of Praise** Phil Haga  
*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Day* **UMH 269**

*At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.*

**Doxology** **UMH 95**

**First Scripture Reading** Alan Gorrell  
*1 John 1:1-2:2*

**Prayer Concerns** Rev. Casey Irwin  
*Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail, or left at the exit near the bulletins.*

**Silent Prayer**  
*We invite you to name aloud persons you are praying for.*  
**Pastoral prayer**  
*The Lord's Prayer* **UMH 895**

**Responsive Song**  
**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.**  
**When I call, answer me.**  
**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.**  
**Come and listen to me. (repeat once)**

**Second Scripture Reading**  
*John 2:18-31* *Common English Bible*

**Sermon** Rev. Casey Irwin  
*Prove It!*

**Hymn of Benediction** Phil Haga  
*Amazing Grace* **UMH 378**

**Benediction** Rev. Casey Irwin

**Postlude** Phil Haga, organist  
*I Love to Tell the Story.....* by Wm. Fischer

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### **Announcements**

**Missions Committee** is re-forming and needs people who care about reaching our local community and coordinating monetary resources. Our goal is to reach and support our community in the name of Christ. Sign up sheets are available in the sanctuary. The planning committee will meet at the end of March.

**Chancel Choir is back!** Easter Sunday, April 9th, will be the first presentation. Rehearsal dates are **March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd.** We will rehearse in the Sanctuary for less than 1 hour immediately following worship. Past choir members and new choir members are all welcome. We will also premier our new choir robes on Easter Sunday, which were purchased just before the COVID pandemic began. Contact Phil with any questions or rehearsal conflicts.

**Church Office Hours:**

Sundays 2-6 PM  
Tuesdays 5-8 PM  
Wednesdays 5-8 PM

**Weekly Schedule**

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting

**Upcoming Dates**

March 19	4:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
April 23	5:00 p.m.	Help for Haiti Donor Dinner and Auction
April 24-26		Jubilation "Saints & Sages" Retreat In Pigeon Forge

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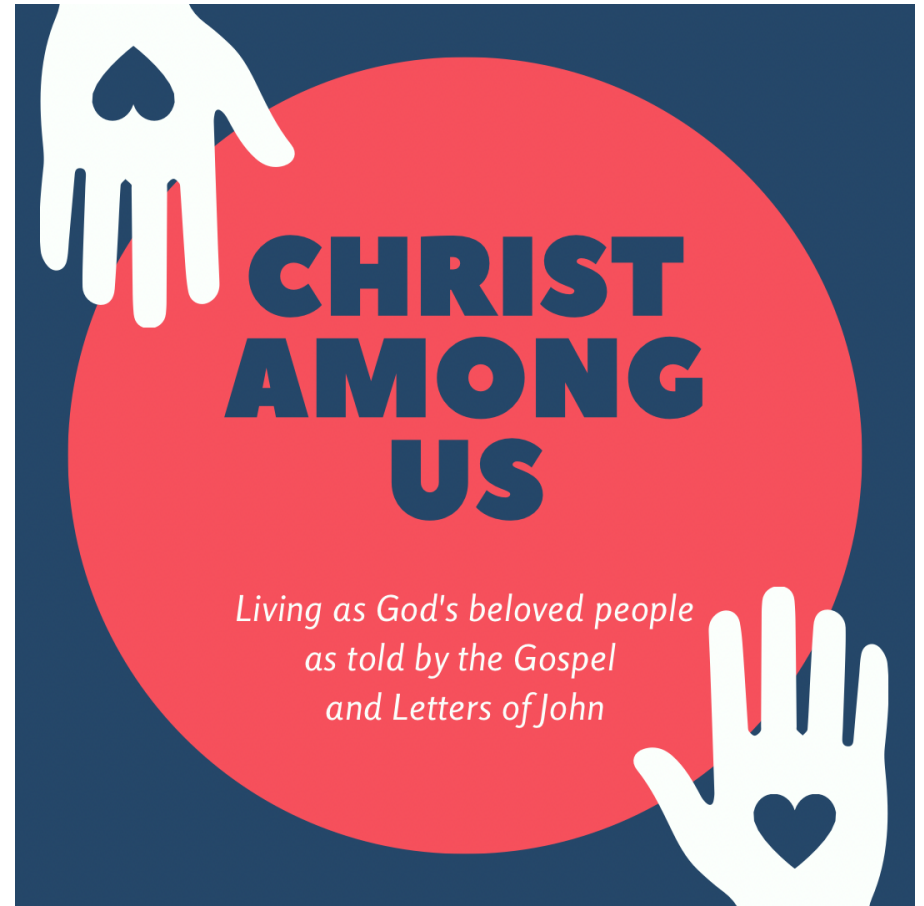
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**First United Methodist Church, Bristol**

**11:00 AM Worship**

**February 26, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**

Children's worship boxes are available in the West lobby.  
Coffee and other hot beverages are available in the East lobby.

**Please excuse our mess while our audio/visual renovation of the sanctuary is in progress.**