

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Feb 1, 2026 ~ 10:30am

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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

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## — ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

### CENTERING MUSIC

*Sharon Novak*

### CALL to WORSHIP

One: You are invited into God's house and also to God's table.  
People: All are wanted. All are welcome.  
All: **May Holy Love meet us in this place and time.**

### \*SONG 88

*My Shepherd,  
You Supply My Need*

*Sharon Novak*

## — PRAYING —

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

## — REFLECTING —

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew, Mark & Luke excerpts*

### REFLECTION

*INVITING & EATING*

*Rev. Gail Doktor*

### \*SONG 102

*Guide Me,  
O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Sharon Novak*

## — COMMUNION —

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

*Reflection on art of Fr. Sieger Koder*

One: To teach seminary students, the artist, educator, and priest Father Sieger Koder painted a meal and places all of us at the table.  
People: *Shows seven seats for symbolic kinds of ordinary and unacceptable people. That is: everyone.*  
One: Gives us an open door and a threshold to cross.  
People: *Sets the table with a rose for love offered and love received.*  
One: Makes us Jews and gentiles, slaves and free.  
People: *Depicts us as clowns and truth-tellers, skeptics and faithful, intellectuals and fools.*  
One: Shows that we barter life with our bodies, our hearts, our minds, as well as our coins.  
People: *While the unseen One who sits with us has become payment to restore life.*  
One: In his art, we arrive at God's table: not ready or deserving, neither righteous nor whole.  
People: *We come broken and haughty, blind and aware, masked and authentic, resistant and enthusiastic, hurt and hopeful, rejected and desired, outsider and intimate, taboo and treasured.*  
One: We sit in the shadows.  
People: *We gather at the edge.*  
All: *Then Christ's hands reach out and invite us to the table. After he has already called us by name and asked, "Follow me."*

### ASSURANCE of PARDON & INVITATION TO TABLE

### BLESSING & SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*SONG #314      *As We Gather*      Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

\*SONG 44      *Doxology*      Sharon Novak

— CLOSING —

## BENEDICTION

*May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today,*

*May the peace of God be with us today.*

*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

*\*Please rise if you're able*

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## PRAYERS:

*For PEOPLE: Focus this week:* Allison, Annie, Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Cindy G., Deb L., Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Nat & June, P.J.K., Rob, Ruth, Steve, Tom, Brianna & baby Addie. For those grieving, including the families of Ann H., Michael, David S., Tim, and Phaedra. Our adversaries and enemies.

*For PLACES* — For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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*Detail from 1973 painting by Fr. Sieger Koder*

*'Jesus Eats with Sinners'*

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### **Mark 2:13-17 — Jesus Calls Levi**

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, *“Follow me.”* And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, *“Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*

When Jesus heard this, he said to them, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”*

### **Luke 5:27-31 — Jesus Calls Levi**

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, *“Follow me.”* And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them.

The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, *“Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”*

Jesus answered them, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”*

### **Matthew 9: 9-13—The Call of Matthew**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, *“Follow me.”*

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, *“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*

But when he heard this, he said, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”*