



Broad Street

United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

Rev. Dr. Temaris L. Moore, Pastor

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Temaris

*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Pastor Temaris

Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?.

To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

- Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries 2024

*HYMN

Pass it On

UMH 572

OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Celine Danser

Holy Jesus, You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience Your love, grace, and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

~(Rev. Mindi Worship blog 2014 prayer.

HYMN

Fix Me, Jesus

UMH 655

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Laura Jaskot

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Judy Schetler

Creator God, who called light into darkness. Illumine our minds to receive Your Word. Open our ears to hear and eyes to see the Truth of Jesus Christ. Amen. ~Homiletics/February 2009 page 68.

PSALTER	Psalm 37:1-11 led by Judy Schetler	UMH 772
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Genesis 45: 3-11. 15	Celine Danser
ANTHEM	<i>Jesus Is My Lord, My Master and Savior</i> (arr. David S. Winkler)	Sanctuary Choir
THE MESSAGE	<i>The Big Reveal</i>	Pastor Temaris
HYMN	<i>Hymn of Promise</i> (vs 1 & 2)	UMH 707

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively) Celine Danser

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need. God of every land and nation You have created all people and You dwell among us in Jesus Christ.

Listen to the cries of those who pray to You, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of Your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

O perfect love, whose compassionate power transforms sin into health and temporal dust into eternal glory: grant us a gracious faith,

So that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery, we may face our trials with confidence, and become a blessing to friend and enemy alike in Jesus' name. Amen.

And now, Lord, we bring You the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for _____ . Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayers based on Luke 6:27-38, Genesis 45:3-11, 15.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP		Pastor Temaris
OFFERTORY HYMN	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	UMH 389
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 95
OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)		Pastor Temaris

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to Your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting Your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

*WORDS OF BLESSINGS (pray responsively)

Pastor Temaris

Beloved, go from this place ready to listen.

Listen for the opportunities to extend mercy.

Notice the moments to forgive instead of condemn.

Watch for the person who needs help without any strings attached.

For the blessing of the Triune God goes with you, pouring out mercy and compassion on you so that you may share mercy and compassion with everyone you meet. **Amen.**

~Discipleship Ministries, 2/23/25 Dr. Lisa Hancock.

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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Bulletin Dedication

The bulletin this morning is dedicated in loving memory of my parents, Leland and Anna Rainier who's birthdays are February 28 and March 8, 1926, given by The Rev. Dr. Helen L. Rainier.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Angie Gallagher, Tom & Linda McElwain, Debra Bogdanowicz, Megan Brown, Shirley Woolman, Jim Conway, Travis Montone, Zachary Montone, Robert Lapaugh, Sharon Durazolapaugh, Susan Curlett, Carolyn Shinn, Dana Painter, Tony Hoffman, Kristen Godfrey, John Venditti, Rosemarie Serlenga, Doris Waitz, Linda Hoffman.

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:

office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

Announcements

LENT

We will be creating a Lenten Devotional.
The theme will be
"What does the cross mean to you?"
We will have paper and online forms for you to
create and submit your devotional.
Submissions are due by Sunday, February 23rd.
Please see Helen Rainier for more information.

Call for Submissions

HOAGIE SALE

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Sunday, February 23, 2025

- Immediately following Morning Worship in Lucas Hall

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BIG REVEAL

Radiant Reflections with Pastor Temaris

5 - Day Devotional

Week of February 23, 2025

Devotional Summary: In Luke 6:17-26, we encounter Jesus teaching on a level place, where He heals the sick and imparts wisdom through the Beatitudes. This passage invites us to explore profound spiritual truths about blessings, woes, and the radical nature of Jesus' teachings. Each day, we'll delve into a segment of this scripture, seeking to understand and apply the lessons Jesus imparts.

Day 1: A Moment of Recognition

Scripture: Genesis 45:3

Reflection: Joseph's brothers, who once betrayed him, now stand in shock as they realize who he truly is. They are afraid, expecting judgment. Sometimes, when God reveals His truth to us, we may feel unworthy or fearful of what it means for our lives. Yet, even in our fear, God's plans are always filled with grace.

Prayer: Lord, help me recognize Your presence in my life, even when I am afraid. Reveal Your purpose and give me the courage to trust You.

Action Step: Take time to reflect on a moment when you realized God was working in your life. Write it down and thank Him for His faithfulness.

Day 2: Grace Instead of Judgement

Scripture: Genesis 45:4-5

Reflection: Instead of anger, Joseph extends grace. His response reflects how God deals with us—not with condemnation, but with love and redemption. In this season of Epiphany, we remember that Jesus was revealed to the world as a Savior, offering grace instead of judgment.

Prayer: Father, help me to extend grace to those who have hurt me, just as You have shown me grace. Let my life reflect Your love.

Action Step: Identify one person in your life whom you need to forgive. Pray for them and ask God for the strength to extend grace.

Day 3: Seeing God's Hand in Hardship

Scripture: Genesis 45:7-8

Reflection: Joseph sees his suffering not as an accident, but as part of God's greater plan. Sometimes, we only recognize God's work in hindsight. What once seemed like rejection or failure may actually be God's way of positioning us for something greater.

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to see Your hand in my struggles. Help me trust that You are working all things together for good.

Action Step: Reflect on a past challenge that later revealed a blessing. Consider sharing your testimony with someone who may need encouragement.

Day 4: A Call to Reconciliation

Scripture: Genesis 45:15

Reflection: True revelation leads to restoration. When Joseph revealed himself, it not only changed his brothers' perspective—it changed their relationship. God's revelations in our lives should draw us closer to others, healing brokenness and strengthening our communities.

Prayer: God, reveal areas in my life where reconciliation is needed. Help me to build bridges where division exists.

Action Step: Reach out to someone with whom you've had conflict. Take the first step toward reconciliation, even if it's just offering a kind word or a prayer.

Day 5: Embracing God's Bigger Picture

Scripture: Genesis 45:9-11

Reflection: God's revelations always come with a purpose. Joseph's reveal wasn't just about reuniting with his family—it was about providing for them and fulfilling God's plan. When God reveals Himself to us, it's not just for our benefit; it's so that we can be a blessing to others.

Prayer: Lord, help me to see the bigger picture of what You are doing in my life. Use me to be a blessing to others.

Action Step: Find a way to serve someone today—whether through a kind gesture, words of encouragement, or an act of generosity.

Reflection

CALENDAR

Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:45 AM

***Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM
(September - mid-June)***

***Thursdays - 6 PM
Praise Band Practice in Lucas Hall***

***Thursdays - 7 PM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Lucas Hall***

***Sunday, February 23
Pledge Cards for 2025 are due***

***Sunday, February 23
Chili Cook Off/Brownie Bake Off
following worship in Lucas Hall***

***Monday, February 24 - Hoagie Sale order deadline
Hoagie pick up dates: 2/28, and 3/1***

***Wednesday, February 26
Lenten Devotionals are due***

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