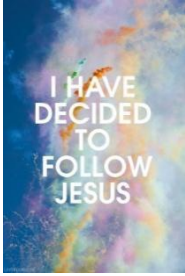


Scripture Theme for 2025
For God gave us a Spirit not of Fear
But of Power and Love and Self Control
2 Timothy 1:7



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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: Life really does have a purpose; the sad thing is most people make so many excuses we never find the place that God calls us to serve.

WHY WE ARE HERE PRAYER

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Kind maker of the world, before we could hear or speak you called us by name, setting us apart for your own special purposes.

People: Gathered now to hear your words for us, we long to understand your call, knowing that following you is often difficult.

Leader: As you did with the prophet long ago, reach out your hand and touch our mouths. Make your words our words so that all we speak might be to your glory.

People: This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Melissa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

Loving God, we come to you with that human dilemma we all have for making excuses. Forgive us for making excuses when we are afraid to do something that would get us out of our comfort zone. Forgive us when we don't follow you

because we judge ourselves as incapable either because of age, gender or financial means.

Yes, we know that we don't have it all together, but we forget that in and through You we will be given everything we need to answer Your call.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

SONG OF PRAYER

No. 454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Wonder-working God, use all of who we are and all of what we have to uproot what is unjust and plant what is loving. Through our gifts, speak your gospel to people we may never meet. May all come to hear your call to prophetic living. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE FOR FEBRUARY:

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength

Mark 12:30

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Louise Humble

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Age Tax"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 641

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION

**100% of our February Second Mile Offering goes to
Scout Troop 25 and the Cub Scout Pack**

(It cost \$120.00 to register for the Scouting Program)

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

TFWS 2051

"I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry"

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now to pursue your calling. Silence any noise that threatens to drown out God's words of love and wisdom to you.

People: We go listening for Christ's teaching in the places and people around you.

Pastor: Be prepared for the powerful movement of the Spirit, for it will sustain you, especially when God's voice seems hard to hear.

People: God's voice echo all around you, sharing words of challenge, bringing songs of peace.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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