

FUMC San Benito 4th Core Belief:
*A church that is humble in our victories and honest in our failures,
struggles and doubts. We will be truthful with each other and with
God.*

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 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: A positive attitude towards life activates the
experience of help from God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Come, Lord God, to receive our worship.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise. Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks. Come, eternal three-in-one God, come where we are gathered to celebrate our unity as your body, the church.

Leader: We share one faith and are of one soul and one mind, which belong solely and wholly to you.

People: We share one hope, one comfort, one goal. We are one people, united — despite any noticeable differences — by our faith in you, Lord Jesus.

Leader: We are one people, united by your love and mercy to stand against any power that would try to tear us apart.

People: We are one people, united in blessing and in suffering, united in joy and in sorrow, united in strength and in weakness.

Leader: Receive our praise!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 67

"We Thy People Praise Thee"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Melissa

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY:

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has NOT given us a spirit of fear; but of POWER,
LOVE & of a SOUND MIND.

2 Timothy 1:7

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Louise Humble

Matthew 7:1-5

Luke 17:21

Acts 17:28

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Jerry Jaquish

"Changing Your Experience of God"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

No. 419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: Let us tell the Good News: this world is not God-forsaken, abandoned to futility and destruction. God has not failed: This world will become the realm of God.

People: Let us live the Good News: care for the sick and suffering, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, struggle against injustice, care for the earth, so that others will see the Word taking flesh, taste and see that God is good and believe the Good News.

Leader: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™