

Jesus Calls
His
Followers
to Love
Their
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*The Mission of Choptank United Methodist Charge is
to worship, welcome, nurture, and serve in the name of Jesus.*

Spedden UMC 881 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 8:45 am Mailing Address for All:	Antioch UMC 1742 Town Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 10:00 am 204 Johnson Street	Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 11:15 am Cambridge, MD 21513
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Seventh Sunday
after
Epiphany
February 23, 2025



Choptank
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JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
ORDINARY TIME AFTER EPIPHANY

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and learn the ways of life.
We have come to follow Jesus.
Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.
We have come to follow Jesus.
Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.
We have come to follow Jesus.
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
We have come to follow Jesus.
Come and learn the ways of life.
We have come to learn and worship the Lord.

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

****PRAY:** *(After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)*
Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone.
Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. We ask that you hear us as we pray the prayer that your Son taught us, **Our Father...**"

SING A HYMN: "Freely, Freely" (UMH #389) (CCLI 20203297)

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
Chorus
He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.'
2. All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as He told me to.

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:27-38

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

READ OR LISTEN: Jesus Calls His Followers to Love Their Enemies (See Insert) Pastor Nan

RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED: (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

***OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

Jesus reminds us that God works by a different economy. He tells us, "If you do good to

those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High." Friends, by this, joy is given space to rise. May we discover it growing in us as we bring our gifts to God. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

BENEDICTION: *(Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)*

As followers of Jesus, we will do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Go with God's blessings. Amen.

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Reread today's passage. As you do, underline or jot down any of Jesus' instructions that you find difficult to follow. Pray for God's guidance in acting as Jesus calls you to act.

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Do you have anyone who you consider an enemy, or who you know dislikes you? Try to make amends with this person by doing something to show them the love of God.

Thanks for your continuing support. Your help is needed to keep our bills paid in full and on time. **Please mail your check to your financial secretary, OR place your gift in the plate.**

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