

**Cassopolis United Methodist Church**  
**January 22, 2023 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

**Gathering and Prelude**

*Audrey Fenwick*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcoming & Call to Worship** (unison)

This is a time of worship, a time for acknowledging that there is a Power beyond our own, that it is God who has made us and not we ourselves. This is a time for prayer, a time for bringing ourselves, just as we are, into the presence of the Holy One. This is a time for praise, a time for lifting our hearts and voices in grateful thanksgiving to our Master.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Gather Us In, FWS #2236*

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, UMH #277*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** – Psalm 27, vs. 1-4

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes shall stumble and fall.

**P: Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**P: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

**Hymn of Prayer**

*Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling, UMH 348*  
*(verses 1,2,&4)*

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 4:12-23*

**Message**

“Follow Me, and...???”

*Pastor Sheila Baker*

**\*Offertory/ Doxology**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, TFWS #2129*

**\*Benediction**

Announcements:

**We are in need of volunteers for January thru March.**

Please sign-up to assist with worship services. If you are willing to serve as greeter, usher, or provide refreshments or flowers for the altar. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

Last week's Noisy-Offering for the Student Scholarship Fund raised a total of \$185. Thank you so much for your continued generosity for those in need!

Reminder, we will continue collecting items for our **Mitten Tree** throughout the entire winter season. If you are able, we are in need of gloves, mittens, hats and socks (please no scarves). All donations will go to boys and girls in our local schools.

Remember, all services are also on-line Sunday afternoons by going to <https://cassopolisumc.org/sermon-videos/>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday January 28, St. Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30-1.

Ash Wednesday February 22

**NEXT WEEK** (January 29)

Greeter: L.J. Starling

Ushers: Bob & Diane Sumption

Refreshments: Edie & Barry Felton

Flowers: **please sign-up**

**LAST WEEK**

Attendance: 42

Offering \$965.25