

January 25, 2026

Gathering

Gathering and Greeting

Rev. Katie Klosterman

Please sign in at our Welcome table!

Prelude

I Look to the Shepherd

Ken Potter

Liturgist: please rise in body and spirit for the call to worship and remain standing for the opening hymn,

***Call to Worship**

Today we gather together to worship God

Who calls us to love- everyone .

As simple as it sounds,

Sometimes our words and actions reveal the difficulty of this instruction.

We ask that God in Christ would make us whole through forgiveness and reconciliation.

God invites us again to love, to serve and to welcome our fellow human beings.

Christ take us by the hand and lead us in your ways of your kingdom.

Make us Channels of Your Peace today and forevermore.

***Opening Hymn** *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

The Faith We Sing 2171

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled, as to console,

to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Liturgist: Please be seated

Children's Time *Jesus Loves Me*

United Methodist Hymnal 191

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Choral Anthem *Give Us a Vision*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Let us pray, (pause), Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel.

***Alleluia**

The Faith We Sing 2043

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

Liturgist

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two

denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

The Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God!**

Liturgist: Please be seated.

Sermon: *Faith in a Time of Sectarianism*

Rev. Katie Klosterman

***Hymn of Response:** *Bind Us Together*

The Faith We Sing 2226

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;

There is only one body, that is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Katie Klosterman

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Introduction to the Offering

Rev. Katie Klosterman

Will the ushers please come forward to receive the offering plates?

(then the Liturgist will walk down to greet the ushers and hand them the offering plates)

Offertory

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Ken Potter

***Doxology**

United Methodist Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Liturgist

Let us pray, (pause)

(after the prayer the ushers will put the plates on the communion table).

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn:** *For Everyone Born a Place at the Table*

For everyone born a place at the table, for everyone born clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born a star overhead.

Chorus:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

Chorus

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. Chorus

***Benediction**

Rev. Katie Klosterman

Worship Song Leader -Members of the choir

Liturgist: Steve Lien

Cellist: Siena Higgenson

*** *Please stand as you are able.***

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Upcoming Events

- Today - 10am Worship
- Today - after worship make 300 PBJ sandwiches
- Jan 26 - 6:30pm Theology Quest on Zoom
- Jan 27 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan 27 - 6:30pm Zoom Bible study on the Parables of Jesus with Pastor Katie
- Jan 29 - 7pm Choir rehearsal at church
- Jan 31 - Noon Cancer Support Group
- Feb 1 - 10am Worship
- Feb 2 - 6:30pm Theology Quest on Zoom
- Feb 3 - 6:30pm Zoom Bible study on the Parables of Jesus with Pastor Katie
- Feb 4 - 7pm Building & Grounds team meets at church
- Feb 4 - 6-7:30pm hosting Neighborhood Town Hall meeting
- Feb 5 - 7pm Choir rehearsal

- Feb 7 - 9am Men's Breakfast at Browns Point Diner
- Feb 8 - 10am Worship
- Feb 9 - 6:30pm Theology Quest on Zoom
- Feb 10 - 10am Happy Bookers
- Feb 10 - 6:30pm Zoom Bible study on the Parables of Jesus with Pastor Katie
- Feb 12 - 11:30 Food Bank set-up
- Feb 12 - 11:30 Food Bank distribution
- Feb 15 - 10am Worship
- Feb 15 - Mardi Gras potluck after worship
- Feb 16 - 6:30 Theology Quest
- Feb 17 - 10am Easy Writers
- Feb 18 - Lent begins; "On Earth as It Is in Heaven"
- Feb 21 - 9am Women's Breakfast at Wesley, Des Moines
- Feb 24 - 6:30pm Bible Study with Pastor Katie (Tues. thru March 24)
- Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday

All Are Welcome!

No matter where you have come from or where you are going, you are welcome at Browns Point UMC! We are a community committed to offering hospitality, asking questions, growing in our faith, supporting and nurturing one another, and serving our neighborhood and the world.

All Means All!

BPUMC joyfully embraces God's acceptance and love of all people. We affirm that all individuals are persons of sacred worth. We welcome the full participation in our church of everyone, without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, education, marital circumstances, physical and mental abilities, or economic status. We are committed to discovering how we can most faithfully include, learn from, and grow with all people in our community.

Land Acknowledgement

We, of Browns Point United Methodist Church, worship on the ancestral lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and Coast Salish Native-peoples, who share a dialect of the Southern Lushootseed language. We value this land for its beauty and our history on it. Yet, we remember how the land was stolen from Native peoples through the Medicine Creek Treaty in 1864, which led to the Puyallup Nation being relocated onto reservation land in present day Tacoma. Though the Puyallup people retained their fishing, hunting and gathering rights, they lost most of their historic territory. We lament this betrayal of trust. As well, we lament the great loss of Native lives due to various smallpox epidemics that began in the 1850s, which were brought by white migration. We celebrate the

resilience of our Native siblings in the face of this history. We lift our thanks for their care of this land over millennia.

We strive to be a Fragrance Free Building as scents can cause allergic reactions.

Need a hymnal? there is a small bookcase just next to the office door with extras.

Please remember to recycle your bulletin when you leave. Thank you.

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