

The liturgical color is white for the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany		
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PRELUDE	“Recitative and Aria” Amy Bender, organist	Wayne Wold
WELCOME		Willie Dycks, liturgist
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b> L: Come, all who are weary and burdened— <b>C: We come, seeking the rest our souls long for.</b> L: In God’s presence, our restless hearts find peace. <b>C: In God’s goodness, our anxious minds are stilled.</b> L: Today, we set aside our striving and our hurry. Rest is a gift! <b>C: We come to receive God’s renewal, God’s comfort, God’s rest.</b> L: Also, we honor the life and witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who reminded us that faith without works is dead. <b>C: We lift our hearts to the God of rest and renewal!</b>		
<b>*OPENING HYMN</b>	“Battle Hymn of the Republic”	UMH 717
<b>*PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b> Almighty God, let this be a time of rest, renewing ourselves and our commitment to you. As we repair ourselves from the distractions and busyness that harm us, enable us to grow. In this worship hour, open our eyes to see your promises come true. Most of all, Lord, forgive us and live in us easily as we praise your holy name. Amen.		
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>		Hebrews 4:9-11 NIV, p. 847
<i>Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time</i>		
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“God Is My Rock” Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist	Allen Pote
<b>SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS &amp; CONCERNS</b>		
<b>SILENT PRAYER</b>		
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		
<i>* Congregation invited to stand if able</i>		

<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b> 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.		
<b>MENTOR IN MINISTRY</b>		
<b>SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b> <i>As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.</i>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	arr. Mark Hayes
<b>*DOXOLOGY #94</b> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here 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!		
<b>*PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b> Lord of all, you give so faithfully. Today, we joyfully offer unto you the fruit of our labor as an act of worship. Receive and then guide us to use them for the transformation our communities. May your kingdom come and your will be done. Amen.		
<b>*HYMN OF CENTERING</b>	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	UMH 133
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		Matthew 11:28-30 NIV, p. 689
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Rest: Rest is a Gift from Jesus” Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith	
<b>*HYMN OF MISSION</b>	“Pass It On”	UMH 572
<i>Hymn History:</i> The words and music to this hymn were written by Kurt Kaiser. He was born in Chicago in 1934. He studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Kaiser played the piano and organ on radio stations as a teenager. He composed over 300 songs. Kaiser was also an arranger and publisher. He published albums for many artists including Tennessee Ernie Ford, Ethel Waters, Burl Ives and Wayne Newton. He was also the piano accompanist to George Beverly Shea who sang for the Billy Graham Crusades. Kaiser believed in incorporating the style of pop music into hymns to reach the youth about the message of Christ. He co-wrote the Christian musical, Tell It Like It Is, with Ralph Carmichael in 1969. Kaiser lived in Waco, Texas with his wife, Pat, and their four children. He died there in 2018.		

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.  
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POSTLUDE

"Fantasia" Pachelbel

Altar Flowers are presented by Kurt Hinkley  
In Memory of wife, Linda


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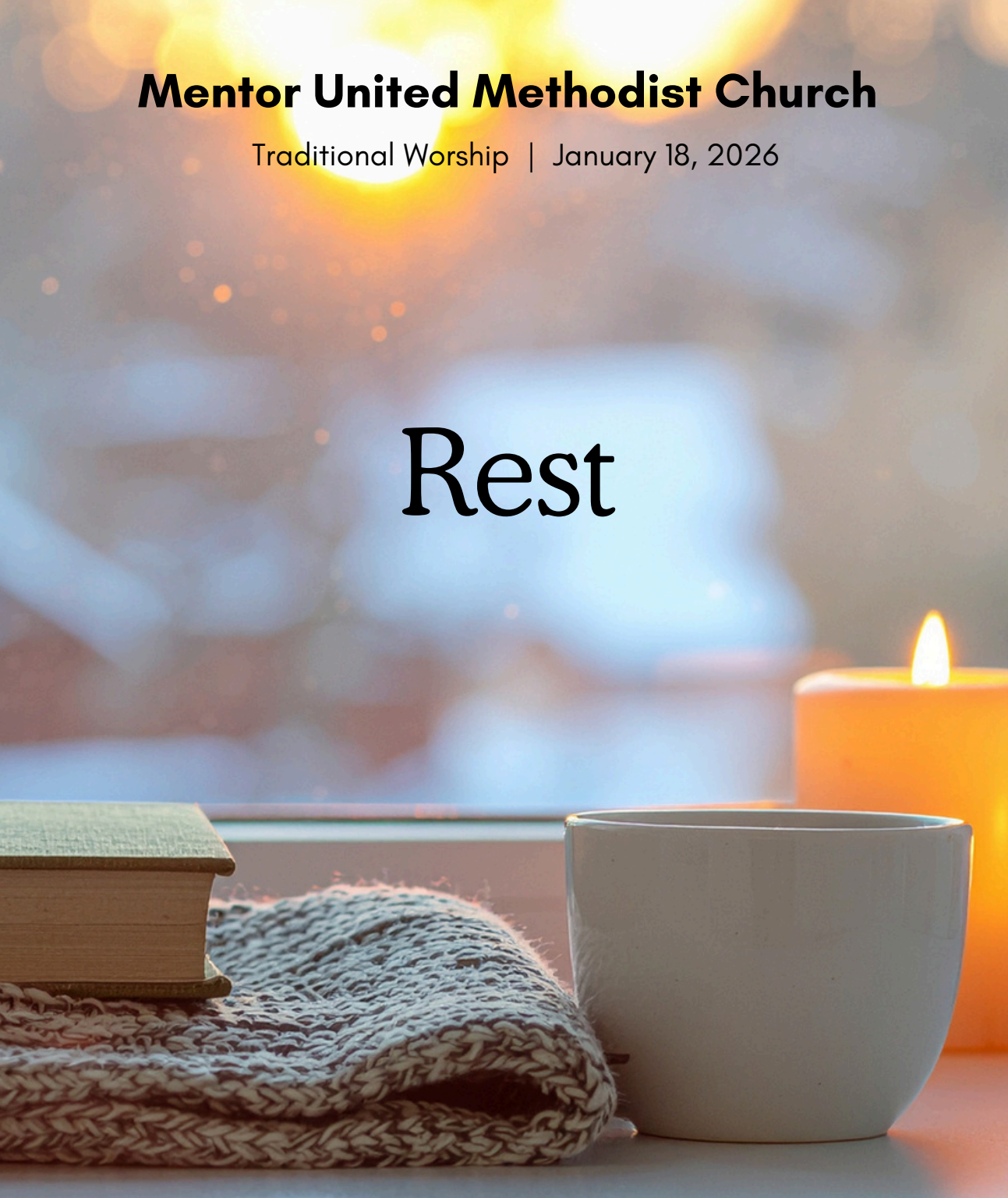


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# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | January 18, 2026

# Rest



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