

# SUNDAY WORSHIP THEMES FOR JANUARY

**January 7: Genesis 1:1-5    Mark 1:4-11**

*Baptism of the Lord, Communion Sunday*

We begin the year by approaching the Lord's Table. Our scripture texts this morning highlight the presence of God's Spirit over the face of the waters of creation and also at Jesus' baptism by John. As we begin a new year, where do we see the Spirit of God at work in our lives?

**January 14: 1 Samuel 3:1-20    John 1:43-51**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany, Chancel Choir, Church School*

The prophet Samuel is called by God to deliver a harsh word to his mentor, and in the Gospel an early disciple recognizes the prophetic gift in Jesus's words. Reminds me of a UCC poster that asked, "God is still speaking; are we listening?"

**January 21: Jonah 3:1-5, 10    Mark 1:14-20**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany, Handbell Choir, Kid's Club*

The reluctant prophet Jonah has to be swallowed by a great fish before he will do as God commands. The early disciples depart from their lives as fishermen without question to become "fishers of men". Reluctant or enthusiastic messengers - God's word is fulfilled in both stories.

**January 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20    Mark 1:21-28**

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Family Sunday*

Jesus teaches and heals on the Sabbath in the Gospel of Mark. In the Epiphany Season the stories of Jesus often help to describe who Jesus is and what Jesus's significance is to those who follow him. Jesus teaches with authority; compassion for those who are suffering is of primary importance.



## SUNDAY SERVERS - ONLINE SIGN-UP



We utilize SignUpGenius for Sunday Servers sign ups. If you have any questions, please reach out to Beckie in the church office.

### USHERS

Greet congregants, hand out service bulletins, and collect the offering at the 8:00 or 10:00 Sunday morning worship service.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Help Pastor Scott lead the congregation in responsive readings, unison prayers, and scriptures during the 8:00 or 10:00 worship service.

### NURSERY CAREGIVERS

Watch over children newborn through elementary in our nursery during the 10:00 service. The 8th grade Confirmation Class will be helping out, but we need some additional help. 8th graders and high schoolers must be accompanied by a parent.

