Rev. Dave Welcome was born and raised in Alexandria, Indiana. In high school he played football, basketball, and ran track. On graduation he received a football scholarship to Ball State University where he played for four years. Upon graduation he began a teaching and coaching career that spans 63 years. He is a member of the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame. Dave was the first to graduate from the NACCC Lay Ministry Program. After retiring from teaching in 1997 Dave accepted a call from Britton CCC in Britton, Michigan, to be their Senior Pastor. After 15 years Dave retired but was soon called to be the transitional minister at Mount Hope CCC in Livonia, Michigan, where he served for a year until a new full-time pastor was hired. Rev. Welcome is a songwriter, singer, musician, and recording artist. He has recorded 27 albums over the past 40 years - 14 Gospel, and 13 Oldies but Goodies with his High Point Band.

As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *arr. by David Paxton* Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bonnie Hyde

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
Congregation: ***And also with you.***
Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT
Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn. Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.

***Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 99: 1-3) *(read responsively)* Bonnie Hyde

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the nations tremble;
Congregation: **God is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!**
Leader: The LORD is great in Zion and is exulted above all the nations.
Congregation: **Let them praise God's great and awesome name.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult" #314 v. 1, 3, 5

***INVOCATION** *(in unison)* Bonnie Hyde

Lord Jesus, You tell us not to store up treasures for ourselves here on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal. Instead, You encourage us to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. You teach us that our hearts will be informed by where our treasure is. Bless us by the Spirit as we pray the prayer You taught us:

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*using Debts and Debtors*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" #11

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 72:1-3 | Page #533 OT Bonnie Hyde

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Day by Day" *by Martin How* Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Dave Welcome

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Adagio cantabile" from Sonata No. 8, Op. 13 *by L.v. Beethoven* Dave Howland

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 23:13-15 | Page #25 NT Rev. Dave Welcome

CHORAL RESPONSE
Let Thy word abide in us, O Lord.

MESSAGE "Our Titles" Rev. Dave Welcome

***SENDING HYMN** "Just As I Am, without One Plea" #325

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dave Welcome

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord" *arr. by David Cherwien* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry
GREETERS: Betsy and Rich Mazurkiewicz | **LITURGIST:** Bonnie Hyde

We are grateful to have Rev. Dave Welcome returning to the pulpit this morning. Please see the back page for more information about Rev. Welcome. We invite everyone to join us after worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship in our Fellowship Hall.