

**Knightsville Methodist**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Traditional Worship Service**  
**February 15, 2026**  
**8:45 a.m.**

Welcome		DH
Prayer of Spiritual Awakening		DH
Call to Worship	Spirit of the Living God	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (OGRP #477- verses 1, 2, & 4)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
Prayers of the Church		PR
Words of Wisdom	Micah 6:1-8	Al Beaty
Anthem of Hope	Hear My Words	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering		Jim Vaughn
Hymn of Love	Onward, Christian Soldiers! Marching as to War (OGRP #472 - verses 1, 2, 3, & 5) (Choir vs 1, Ladies vs 2, Men vs 3, All vs 5)	Congregation
Word of God	Jude 2-3; 17-23	Myra Ripley
Spiritual Vitamin	Blueprints for a Neighborhood Church on Mission <i>The Book of Jude: Contending with Courage</i>	
Video		
Going Forth Blessing		PR

## **Prayer for Spiritual Awakening**

Leader: Holy God, You call Your people to contend for the faith with courage and humility. You invite us to stand firm in Your truth and to walk in Your ways.

**People: Awaken our hearts, Lord. Strengthen us to be faithful in a world that pulls us away from You.**

Leader: Jude reminds us that there are voices that distort Your grace and lead Your people astray. Yet You call us to remain grounded in Your love, building ourselves up in the most holy faith.

**People: Keep us rooted in Your Word. Guard our minds and steady our steps.**

Leader: You have shown us what is good: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us when we settle for comfort instead of courage, or when we choose silence instead of truth.

**People: Renew our desire to live justly. Teach us to love mercy. Lead us to walk humbly with You.**

Leader: Jude calls us to show mercy to those who doubt, to rescue those in danger, and to do so with compassion and reverence.

**People: Make us a people of mercy. Give us eyes to see the hurting and hearts willing to reach out.**

Leader: Lord, awaken Your church. Stir in us a holy boldness to contend for the faith—not with anger, but with love; not with fear, but with confidence in the God who keeps us from stumbling.

**People: Awaken us, O God. Form us into a people who reflect Your truth, Your compassion, and Your mission.**

Leader: To the One who calls, keeps, and sends us—

**All: Be glory, majesty, power, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Wisdom - Micah 6:1-8

Micah is one of the clearest and most beautiful summaries of what God desires from His people. In this passage from chapter 6, God invites Israel to remember His faithfulness—how He rescued, redeemed, and led them. The people respond with questions about worship: Should they bring offerings, sacrifices, or extravagant displays of devotion? God’s answer is simple and profound. What He desires is not performance but transformation.

Micah declares that God has already shown His people what is good: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him. Justice reflects God’s heart for what is right. Mercy reflects His compassion toward the broken. Humility reflects our dependence on His grace. These are not optional virtues; they are the marks of a people shaped by God’s character.

Allow these words from The Living Bible to give you strength and courage as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Listen to what the Lord is saying to his people:

“Stand up and state your case against me. Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaint.

“And now, O mountains, listen to the Lord’s complaint! For he has a case against his people Israel! He will prosecute them to the full. O my people, what have I done that makes you turn away from me? Tell me why your patience is exhausted! Answer me! For I brought you out of Egypt and cut your chains of slavery. I gave you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.

“Don’t you remember, O my people, how Balak, king of Moab, tried to destroy you through the curse of Balaam, son of Beor, but I made him bless you instead? That is the kindness I showed you again and again. Have you no memory at all of what happened at Acacia and Gilgal and how I blessed you there?”

“How can we make up to you for what we’ve done?” you ask. “Shall we bow before the Lord with offerings of yearling calves?” Oh no! For if you offered him thousands of rams and ten thousand of rivers of olive oil—would that please him? Would he be satisfied? If you sacrificed your oldest child, would that make him glad? Then would he forgive your sins? Of course not! No, he has told you what he wants, and this is all it is: *to be fair, just, merciful, and to walk humbly with your God*

May God bless our discernment to His Holy Word.

**People: Praise be to God.**

## **Word of God - Jude 3-4; 17-23**

Today's Word of God comes to us from The Living Bible, the book of Jude, verses 3 and 4 and verses 17 through 23.

Micah calls God's people into the courtroom of covenant faithfulness, reminding them that true worship is not empty ritual but a life shaped by justice, mercy, and humility. Jude echoes this same prophetic heartbeat as he urges believers to contend for the faith with courage and compassion. Where Micah exposes the danger of drifting from God's ways, Jude warns of those who distort God's grace. And just as Micah calls Israel back to a life that reflects God's character, Jude calls the church to build itself up in faith, remain in God's love, and show mercy to the wavering. Together, today's passages reveal that contending for the faith is not merely defending truth—it is embodying it.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

Dearly loved friends, I had been planning to write you some thoughts about the salvation God has given us, but now I find I must write of something else instead, urging you to stoutly defend the truth that God gave once for all to his people to keep without change through the years. I say this because some godless teachers have wormed their way in among you, saying that after we become Christians we can do just as we like without fear of God's punishment. The fate of such people was written long ago, for they have turned against our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ told you, that in the last times there would come these scoffers whose whole purpose in life is to enjoy themselves in every evil way imaginable. They stir up arguments; they love the evil things of the world; they do not have the Holy Spirit living in them. But you, dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. Wait patiently for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy is going to give you. Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt. Save some by snatching them as from the very flames of hell itself. And as for others, help them to find the Lord by being kind to them, but be careful that you yourselves aren't pulled along into their sins. Hate every trace of their sin while being merciful to them as sinners.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**