

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026 | 9:30AM | JAM BAND  
**HOLY COMMUNION, SETTING FOUR**

*Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

### GATHERING

#### CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

*The assembly stands as able.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly stands as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with

Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of <sup>☩</sup> Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

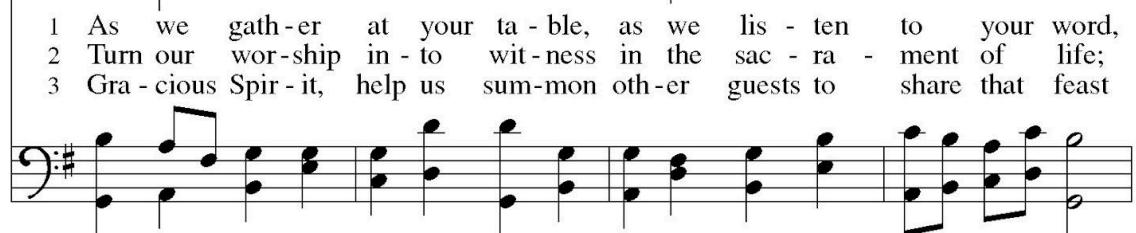
**Amen**

*The assembly stands as able. The service continues with a gathering song*

**Gathering Song: *As We Gather at Your Table* (ELW 522)**



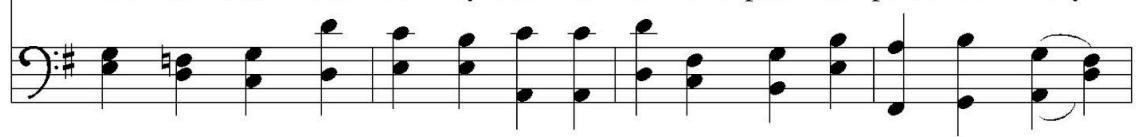
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

## GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assistant minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*The reading may be announced:* A reading from **Corinthians**.

18 The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*The reading may be concluded:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm: 15

*The psalm for the day is spoken in unison.*

- 1 **LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?**  
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
- 2 **Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,**  
who speak the truth | from their heart; **R**
- 3 **they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;**  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.
- 4 **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.**  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.
- 5 **They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. R**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

*The presiding minister announces the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to **Matthew**.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
  - 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
  - 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
  - 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
  - 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
  - 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
  - 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
  - 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### APOSTLE'S CREED (ELW p. 127)

*The assembly stands as they are able. The assistant minister leads the Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries (*faith-based organizations may be named*).

*A brief silence.*

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION CONCLUSION**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

#### **MEAL**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

##### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

##### **PREFACE (ELW p. 130)**

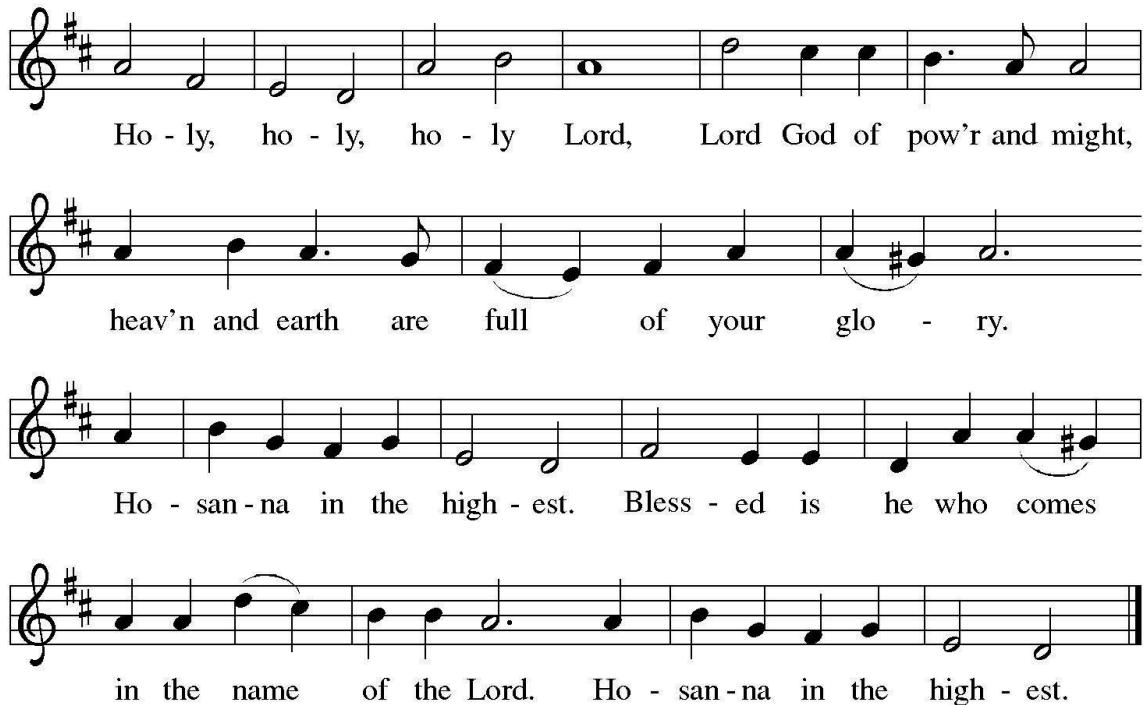
*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** “*Holy, holy, holy...*”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW P. 134)**

*The presiding minister may introduce 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 and ever.  
**Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

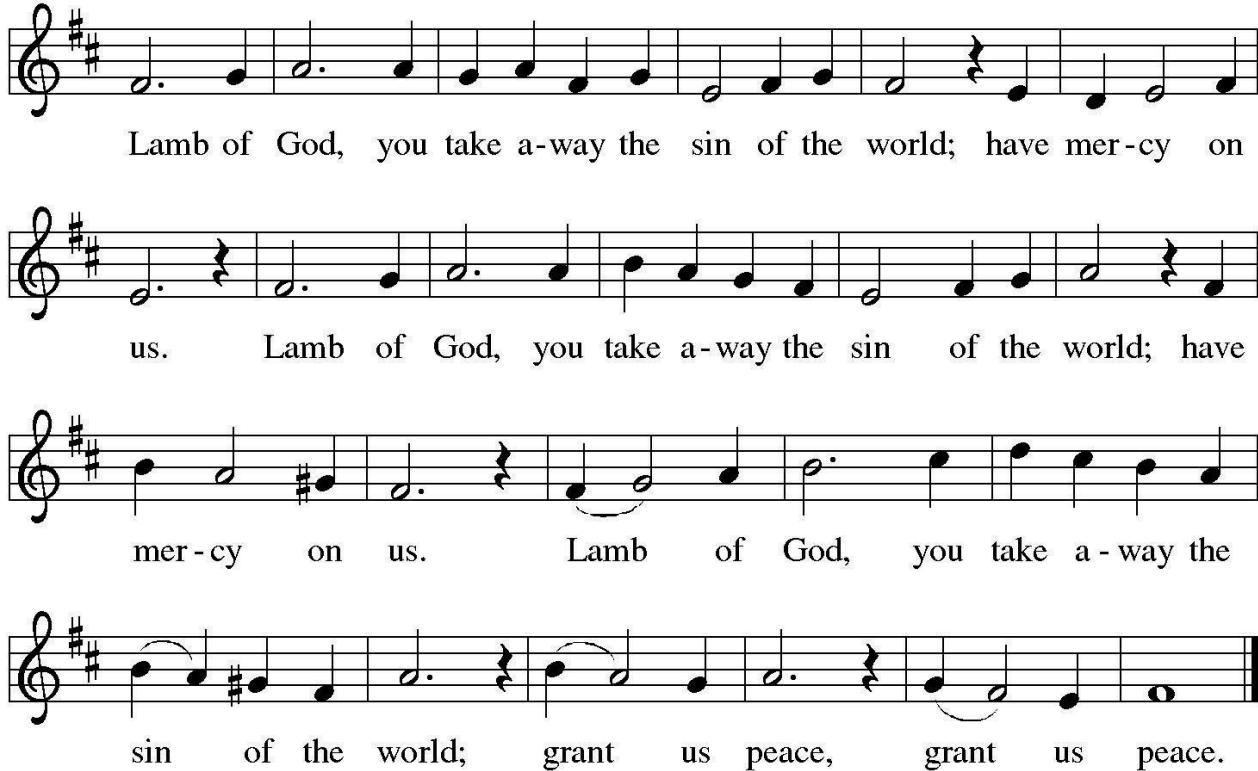
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*At this time, the assembly may commune receiving the communion sacrament(s).*

**AGNUS DEI** “*Lamb of God*” may be sung.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG: *Now the Green Blade Rises* Spirit (ELW 369)**

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat - that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads a similar prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

**Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Amen

*The assembly is seated after the prayer concludes.*

## SENDING

## BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's Blessing.*

May God who comes among us, Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

Amen.

## Sending Song: *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)

*The assembly stands as they are able to proclaim the word of God in song.*

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe,  
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## MISSION NOTES

*We are so glad that you are here with us for worship, and invite you to consider other ways to deepen faith and connect with the Redeemer community and the world around us - to which God calls us in loving service*



## Coming to CommUNITY Spaces

### 1. **Wellness Pop-Up** - Feb 1st, Sunday 1-3pm

Brought to you by New Paltz's Office for Community Wellness - Speaker: Heather Barton, LCSW | Free Services: Reiki, Acupuncture, Biofield Tuning, Narcan Training & more - FREE EVENT - ALL WELCOME

### 2. **Instinctive Meditation** - Feb. 2nd, Monday 6-7pm

Brought to you by Dragon Springs Wellness, Malinda DeMercurio, LAc. | \$5 suggested donation - All proceeds donated to Redeemer New Paltz

### 3. **Tai Chi for Arthritis | Beginner Level** - Starts Feb 6th, Brought to you by Office for the Aging & Martha Cheo | Mondays & Fridays 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, for 8 weeks - FREE EVENT

### 4. **Vision Board Workshops** - Feb 6th, Friday 630-745 or Feb 14th, Saturday 9:30 am - 10:45 am | Brought to you by Heather Barton, LCSW - \$25 fee, all materials included, purchase tickets: [HeatherLynnBarton24.EventBrite.com](https://HeatherLynnBarton24.EventBrite.com)

## ONGOING

### **Sunday School**

**First & Third Sundays, 11-noon,**

**Throughout the School Year**

Fun-filled and engaging Sunday school with our Episcopal and Methodist ecumenical partners. Hosted here at Redeem in the SouthEast Classroom.

### **Worship Incubators**

First Sunday of each month - 11-1230pm

Mission statement: Developing

Christ-centered, multi-sensory worship opportunities that give praise and glory to God.

### **Free Fresh Food Giveaway**

Volunteers are needed to help set up and/or stay a short time to help distribute food at our Free Fresh Food Giveaway every 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Jackie Anderson 609 432 9622 or [dogsinn136@gmail.com](mailto:dogsinn136@gmail.com).

### **Book Study on Redeemer's Zoom Link**

Thursdays - 530-7pm:  
Jan. 22nd, Jan. 29th,  
Feb. 5th, Feb. 12th, & Feb. 19th

### **Good Trouble Coffeehouse & Open Mic Night**

SCC hosted in partnership with Redeemer, New Paltz every Friday 7-9pm

### **Chair Yoga with Bonnie Crisci**

*Chair Yoga at Redeemer New Paltz -*  
Wednesdays at 1:30

### **Council Meetings - All Welcome to Attend**

Every 3rd Thursday, 7pm, on Zoom

## CommUNITY Space's 2026 Business Sponsors

As we close out January, we're grateful to welcome our first two business partners and *thrilled* about the many more we hope to welcome in the months ahead. Please help us spread the word to folks who own or work with businesses that align with our four focus areas in **CommUNITY Spaces: food & housing justice, diversity, equity & inclusion, progressive campus ministry, and earthcare**. Together, we're building partnerships that strengthen our shared values and our wider community.



**DAWES**  
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