

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 26, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude G. Young
“*Savior Again to Thy Dear Name*”
Gathering & Announcements

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes
Choral Call to Worship Choir
“*Surely the Presence*”
*Hymn UMH 57
“*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

*WORDS OF WORSHIP

(People read bold text.)

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

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We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God’s love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

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Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

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Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn UMH 454
“*Open My Eyes That I May See*”
*Pass the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children’s Message Rev. Dr. Rita Sims
The Word in Music Choir
“*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*”
Scripture Carolyn Trezevant
Luke 4:14-21
Message Rev. Dr. Rita Sims
Jesus’ Mission Statement

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Call to Prayer Choir
“*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*”

Naming Gifts of Abundance
The Lord’s Prayer

GIVING

Offertory P. Jones
“Variations on ‘Kum Ba Yah’”

*Doxology UMH 95
*Hymn UMH 389
“*Freely, Freely*”

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Forth
*Choral Benediction Choir
* Postlude G. P. Telemann
“*Prelude on ‘Old 104th’*”
* **Stand as you are able**

Altar flowers are given in memory of Otha and Billie Spencer by the Spencer family.



Mission of the Month

The January Mission of the Month is The Pastor's Discretionary Fund. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with the "Pastor's Fund" in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.



Upcoming Activities

- Jan. 28 (Tues.) Men's Breakfast at Texas Café at 8:00
Women's Study Group at 3:00
- Jan. 29 (Weds.) Country Home Estates at 2:00
Music and More at 4:00
WOW Dinner & program at 5:45
Adult Choir at 7:00

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Rita Sims Pastor
Julio Villeda, Music Director
John Burkett, Organist
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader



- Our Country and its leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
- Pastor Cheryl Murray
- Family of Nancy Roberts
- Family of Anna Blohm
- Family of Manuel Harrison
- Family of Wayne Wymore
- Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- Mike Clay
- Debbie Dunham
- Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth
- Judy Rudoff
- Diane Garcia
- Bill Heitholt
- Betty Martin
- Rose Stapleton
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Young
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie & Judy Cortea
- Robert Seay
- Rita Thompson



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

