

Order of Worship

February 2, 2025 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

With a Joyful Heart

Susan Geschke

Chancel Ringers

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

People: We come to worship, knowing God is meeting us here.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn

Jesus Messiah

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News.

**People: But sometimes, we are unable to hear them
because the source is too familiar.**

Leader: You call us to share the Good News with those around us.

**People: But sometimes we are unable to share,
because the people know us too well.**

Leader: You encourage us to send messengers to other places
where they will be heard better.

**People: But we can be jealous,
wanting the Good News to be for us, not them.**

Leader: In multitude of ways, we can and have subverted
your message of freedom and healing;
we have left the path of true wisdom.

People: We call upon your Grace to lead us back on track.

Words of Assurance

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: This is the time of God's favor,
God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives,
Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.
We live as loved, forgiven, and free people through the grace of God!

People: Hallelujah! Amen.

Anthem

Stayed on Jesus
Chancel Choir

Jan Marvyn Youngblood

Children's Message

Scripture

Luke 4:21-30

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wrestling with the Word

Rev. Wines

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

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*You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website
and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth

Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

Benediction

Rev. Wines

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<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/where-you-are-embracing-the-familiar/fourth-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/fourth-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-liturgical-resources>

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