

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Melinda Sciera

*Call to Worship

Colleen Hay

Leader: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

People: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom has not reached all people. So many suffer, spiritually, physically, mentally, or through financial hardship.

People: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

People: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

People: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025.

*Praise Songs

Praise Band

Prayer

Colleen Hay

Heavenly Father, fill us with a spirit of unity as we worship together. Help us to make a joyful noise unto You. Let our music be filled with joy and gratitude. Let our collective voices be a testament to our shared faith and love for You. Amen.

Adapted from www.prayersfor.com

Anthem:

Choir

Children's Moment

John Sciera

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
1,3)

UMH 89 (vs

Scripture: Isaiah 12:4b-5

Colleen Hay

"Thank the Lord; call on God's name;
proclaim God's deeds among the peoples;
declare that God's name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things;
proclaim this throughout all the earth."

Message: Give In - Moving Beyond Service

Dan Nichols

The People Bring Their Gifts

Melinda Sciera

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Colleen Hay

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH 251 (vs 1,3)

*Benediction

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Postlude