

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
January 18, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait patiently for our God.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One who calls us here.**

We will not chase after other gods.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One in whom we can trust.**

We will tell of all God has done for us.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One whose salvation is for all.**

HYMN O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1,2,3,5,7) UMH 57

* **A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 40

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM Here I Am, Lord arr. Craig Courtney

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (vs 1,4) UMH 402

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could
delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most
vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad
news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip.**

There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all the God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

**I will sing of God's love for me;
I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN How Great Thou Art (vs 1) UMH 77

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERTORY Dr. Daniel Cummings

DOXOLOGY *UMH 94*

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 17

May the God of patience be with you.

And also with you.

Offer your hearts to the One who waits for you.

We open them to God, who is our Life.

Come and sing new songs to our God.

We will praise the One who dwells in our hearts.

You saw the emptiness of chaos,

God of before-time,

and so the Spirit and Word came

bearing the gifts of creation:

 coastlands lapped by ocean waves;

 goats playing king of the mountains;

 children laughing in summer showers.

You shaped us in your image, hoping

we would see you wonders,

and stand up to walk with you.

 But we chose to follow

 those false gods, sin and death.

Women and men came trying

to call your children back home,

 but we would not listen to them.

Then you sent Jesus to us,

the Faithful One pointing

out the way for us.

Together with all around us,

with those in every place, from every time,

we will sing our songs to you:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are the Holy One of all time,

and Jesus is the Lamb who takes

 away the sins of the world.

He would not remain in glory,

 but came to gather us up

 and bring us home to you.

He would not hoard,

 but poured out your grace

 on everyone he met.

He would not remain silent,
but told us of your kingdom
in our midst.

Despised by evil, abhorred by death,
he defeated their power
by dying on the cross and
being raised to new life for us.

Called to be faithful as he was,
sanctified by his grace and love,
we sing a new song of the mystery called faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Here your children are gathered, where
the gifts of the Table are offered for all.

Here you bring us together
from every place on earth,
where the Spirit transforms
simple gifts into sacred us.

Here where the bread is broken,
we are strengthened to go
and bring the good news to all.

Here where salvation is poured out,
we are called into fellowship
with those despised by the world,
with those who live in the shadows,
with those who long for someone
to listen to their pain.

And when you have brought all time to an end,
when you gather your children home,
seating us around the great Feast of the Lamb,
we will sing that new, new song of praise to you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

**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. Amen.**

R3 Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Cummings

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP*** SENDING HYMN** Blessed Assurance UMH 369**BENEDICTION**

Having learned new words from our God,
we will go to warm others in the bleak midwinter of life,
to whisper to them of grace and hope.

Having learned new ways to serve from Jesus,
we will go to clear paths for those lost in oppression,
to wait with those in hospital rooms and job lines.

Having learned new songs from the Spirit,
we will go to sing of peace in all the broken places,
to light the way out of the shadows of injustice.

POSTLUDE

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