

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
November 23, 2025

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines Daw/Parry Brock
Willard, tenor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**We are the inheritors of the promises
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**From across the street, from halfway around the world,
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,
we are those redeemed by God.**

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

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Soon and Very Soon arr. Jack Schrader Chancel
Choir

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Fairest Lord Jesus (vs 1,4) UMH 189

Call to Reconciliation

We know that we have not lived as God hopes. But however fragmented we become, God longs to hold us together in grace and peace. Let us come with our prayers of confession and need to the One who prepares the way for our words.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:

**we stand by watching
while those in need struggle to survive;
we cast our lots with those
who worship power and success;
we offer insults rather than words of grace
to those who care for us;
we scoff at your words
which call us to a different lifestyle.**

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Jesus, Remember Me UMH 488

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times - the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable - yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung responses by Bill Tune

May the peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One whose has favored us with grace.

God's beloved children, sing of your hopes and dreams.

We bless the One who remembers us and redeems us to new life.

Joyfully, we lift our songs

of praise to you, O God.

From the fragments of chaos,

you created all things.

Those that are visible to us

in the leaves drifting to the ground,

in the children playing hopscotch,

in the moon shimmering at night -

and those that we cannot see,

but gift our lives beyond measure:

grace, which heals our longing;

hope, which fills our emptiness;

love, which embraces our loneliness.

All were shaped and blessed for us,

but we chose to cast our lots

with sin and death,

believing their powers to be greater

that your hopes and dreams for us.

The prophets came to speak

about the One from on high

who yearned for us to come home,

but we grew impatient with their words

and mocked their faithfulness.

Finally, you sent Jesus

to gather your scattered children together

and to bring us back to your heart.

Therefore, we join our voices
with rulers and reprobates,
with the fruitful and the foolish
of every time and place,
who forever sing of your joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

Holy are you, God who remembers us,
and blessed is Jesus Christ,
Dawn from on high and creative Word.
Creation's true Light,
 he rescues us from the darkness of death;
speaker of promises
to our grandparents in the faith,
on the cross
 he kept the vows made to them;
the first-born of all creation,
he was born again
from the grave,
 so we could all be with you
 in eternity's kingdom.

As we reflect on his life, his ministry, his love,
we remember all that he has done for us,
that mysterious story we call faith:

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

As we come to this Table of peace,
pour out your Spirit of life upon us,
and upon the gifts
of the Bread of life
and the Cup of salvation.
You nourish with grace,
 so we may go wherever
 the broken and lost live,
 that we might feed them.
You fill us with hope,

so we would have no more fear,
but would boldly reach out
and gather up all
whom the world has cast aside.

And when time has come to an end,
and all creation has been reconciled to you,
we will gather around the feast in heaven,
singing our joy and 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
Cummings

Dr. Daniel

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs 1,6) UMH
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BENEDICTION

Let us go as inheritors of God's promises,
carrying the gifts of joy and hope to the world.
Let us go as inheritors of Jesus' grace,
to bring justice to all, to share mercy with the forgotten.
Let us go as inheritors of the Spirit's peace,
to work for reconciliation in the brokenness of our places.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings