

## BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

February 4, 2024

### Order of Worship



#### WE GATHER

**Opportunities** Rev. Judy Owsley

**Prelude** Jo Jackson  
On Eagle's Wings - Arr. Hayes

**Welcome** Rev. Deb Wacker

**Choral Introit** Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Judy

Leader: People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**People: We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Leader: Breathe deep, for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**People: The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

Leader: When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

**People: God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.**

Leader: So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH#110 vs. 1&2

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

(Children are invited to come to the front during the last verse)

#### Children's Message

(Bible Storytime for Children K-3rd grade. Follow Melissa.)

#### PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:28-31 and Mark 1:29-39

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** "With Wings Like Eagles" Rev. Deb  
**WE RESPOND**

**A Confession:** *As Those Who Have Never Heard You*

Lord, today we confess that we often live as those who have never heard of you. We plan and strategize as though the outcome depended solely upon us. We worry and fret like those who have no advocate.

Forgive us, Lord, for the scheming and conniving we do to make sure that we have our own way.

Forgive us, Lord, for grasping at power when you are the Power, for seeking glory when all glory belongs to you, for not leaning upon you when we feel weak, or powerless, or alone.

Forgive us, Lord, for relying upon ourselves and other mortals when we should turn to you. Teach us how to live more like those who belong to you and less like those who belong to the world.

**Rev. Deb:** Hear... and be strengthened!

**People to each other:**

Trust in the Lord and be strengthened. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Take Our Bread" UMH #640

**Great Thanksgiving** Rev. Deb and Rev. Judy

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to you, Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to praise you, Lord.**

*It is right...sing this hymn to the glory of your name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: *You are holy, Almighty One...the mystery of our faith:*

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

Leader: *Pour out your Spirit on us...Glory to you!*

### Sharing the Meal and Thanksgiving

**Communion Stewards:** Ernie and Janet Dunbar

**Hymn of Prayer** "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Deb

### The Lord's Prayer

**Choral Response** Chancel Choir

**Offering** Rev. Deb

**Offertory** Chancel Choir

*"How Beautiful" T. Paris*

**\*Doxology** UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### WE GO FORTH

**Closing Hymn:** UMH 526

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

**\*Benediction** Rev. Deb

**Choral Closing** Chancel Choir

**Postlude** Jo Jackson

*"O Magnify The Lord Arr. Tunney*

### Prayers

**John Tracy**, Priscilla's son was in a head-on collision last Saturday, he is doing ok, Priscilla?

**Jon Ainsworth**, as he recovers from outpatient foot surgery this Friday.

Angie McClelland's Mom, **Nancy Razey** is in Hospice suffering from Body Inclusion Myositis.

Angie Edward's nephew, **Chris Roberts**.

**Ken Wacker Sr.** struggling with Prostate Cancer.

**Smokey Boyer**: congestive heart failure

**Charlie Carson** is living at Medallion Rehab

**Bob Adams** and his health issues.

**Jack Whitney's** saga continues as his surgery has changed from hip- scheduled for cardiac surgery.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

Our World: The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa

### Presence

Sanctuary 69, Nursery 3, Fellowship 3,

Online 10, Total: 85

### Gifts:

Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>
\$3844	\$3543	\$4901	\$5335

### Events

### TODAY - Retirement Party - TODAY For Cheryl (and Mark) James



**Sunday, February 4, 2024 @ 11 a.m.**  
**Come CELEBRATE Cheryl**  
**as she retires after 10 years of loving service!**

Scouting Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Super Bowl Party. February 11<sup>th</sup>

In Fellowship Hall - 4 pm – 7 pm

### Opportunities

### FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS

You have been so generous in the past that there is an excess of funds from previous years for "Bundles of Love" to purchase the underwear and socks for Mitchell HS, Swigert MS, and Wilson Elem. BUT! The Backpack Project needs more money due to the rising costs of food. The same three schools receive a total of 60 backpacks each month, and there are families who rely on those groceries and hygiene items to make it through the month.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP X 2:** You may bring "Bundles of Love" (socks and underwear) if you wish. That certainly will help! Please contribute all cash or checks for the Backpack Project. Checks may be made to Central UMC, designated Backpack Project.

And

The pantry at Mercy's Gate needs canned fruit and other non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's see how many cans a cart can contain!! Thanks for caring!