

The liturgical color is white for Communion

**PRELUDE** "Tune for the Oboe" Gilbert Martin

**WELCOME** Karen Scott, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen—can you hear it? The gentle rhythm of grace,  
the steady beat of God's love calling us to seek, to ask, to knock.

**We come, drawn by the invitation of Christ,  
stepping into the cadence of God's mercy.**

The rhythm of faith is not rushed, nor forced—it moves with trust,  
with patience, with persistence.

**We come, ready to listen, ready to respond,  
ready to align our lives with the heartbeat of God's kingdom.**

In a world of noise and discord, Christ teaches us a new way—  
the rhythm of compassion, the melody of justice, the harmony of love.

**We come, open-handed and open-hearted,  
ready to live by the rhythm of the Golden Rule.**

Then let us worship the One who sets the tempo of grace,  
who leads us in love, who answers when we call.

**With all that we are, we worship the Lord! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH 548

*Hymn History:* This version of an Afro-American spiritual was arranged by Henry Thacker "Harry" Burleigh. Born in 1866 in Erie, Pa., Burleigh was a composer, arranger, vocalist. He was known for his rich baritone voice. He was the first African-American to be soloist at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City. He met the famed composer Antonin Dvorak at the National Conservatory of Music of America in NYC where Burleigh was a student (and Dvorak the Director) and introduced him to the traditional music of African Americans. Dvorak incorporated themes from both African-Americans and Native Americans in his famous New World Symphony. Burleigh died in Stamford, Connecticut in 1949.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**SCRIPTURE** Galatians 3:26-29 NIV p. 824

**ANTHEM** "By Our Love" Mary McDonald  
Charter Members Men's Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "River Glorious" Heather Sorenson

**\*DOXOLOGY #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!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF CENTERING** "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 7:7-12 NRSV, p. 685

**MESSAGE** "One Beat, Many Rhythms"  
Evan Palermo

**HOLY COMMUNION** "A Service of Word and Table III" UMH 15

**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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF MISSION** "One Bread, One Body" UMH 620

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"  
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE** "Festal Fanfare" from the Fourth Concerto J. S. Bach

*Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT*



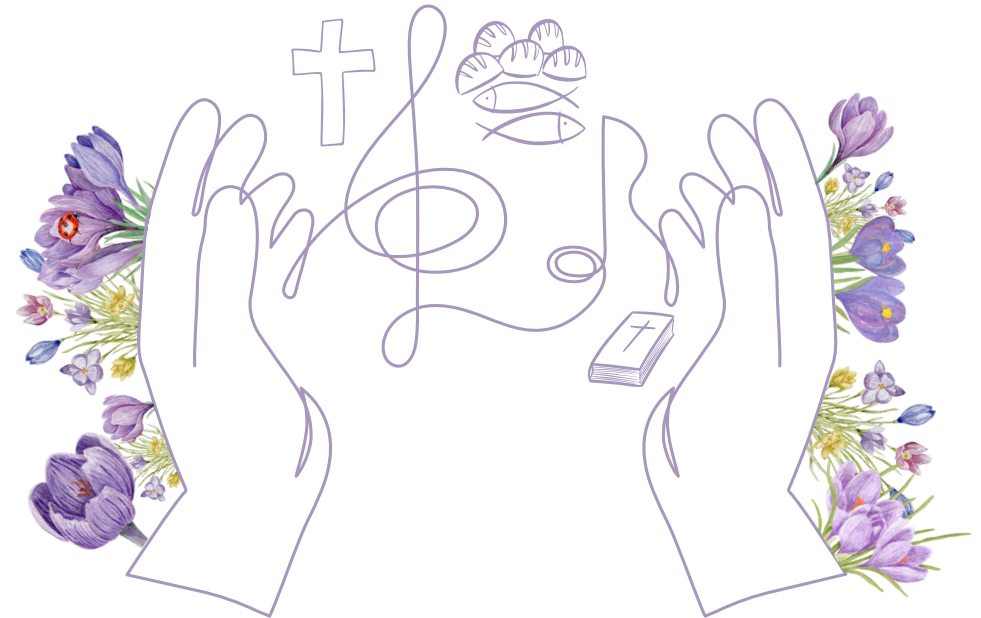
# Traditional Worship

March 2, 2025

Altar Flowers are presented by Michael & Chris Fournier  
In Loving Memory of Michael's mother, Patricia Fournier and his  
brothers, Jeffrey and Ernest Fournier

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Ruthanne MacDonald  
In Loving Memory of Roland MacDonald, whose birthday is March 5th.

*To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*




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