

Downtown Sanctuary  
January 29, 2023 | 11:00 am  
SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Fantasia in G minor BWV 542 (by J. S. Bach)

*HYMN OF PRAISE - UMH 694: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs 1 and 4)*

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.  
Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home; Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

WELCOME

Rev. Ann Spears

*HYMN OF WELCOME – UMH 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ann Spears

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Ann Spears

*MINISTRY IN MUSIC - The Majesty and Glory of His Name (by Tom Fettke)*

Sanctuary Choir

In memory of Dorothy Maxie

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space.*

*What is man, that You are mindful of him?*

*You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels.*

*You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea.*

*But what is man, that You are mindful of him.*

*O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of Your name Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, And so would we, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*DOXOLOGY – UMH 95: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – UMH 881: The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Ann Spears **I believe in God the Father**

**Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI – UMH 70: Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

First Choice/Children's Ministry Staff

*HYMN OF PREPARATION – UMH 405: Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Rev. Lance Richards The word of God for us the

People of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE - Abundant Living: Growing a Life of Generosity

Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Rev. Lance Richards

**Our Father which 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, for ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING – UMH 389: Freely, Freely*

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, And in Jesus' name I come to you, To share His love as He told me to.**

*Refrain*

**He said, "Freely, freely you**

**Have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you Believe, others will know that I live."**

**All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name, And in Jesus' name I come to you,**

**To share His power as He told me to.**

*Repeat Refrain*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE – UMH 558: We are the Church (Refrain, v 1, Refrain) Refrain*

**I am the church! You are the church!**

**We are the church together! All who follow Jesus,**

**All around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

**The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.**

*Repeat Refrain*

POSTLUDE: Chorale Fantasy on A Mighty Fortress is Our God (by Michael Bedford)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given

in loving memory of Glynda Rochen by her family.

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