

Then I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth

for the first heaven and the first earth

passed away and there is no

longer any sea.

Revelation 21:1

All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

December 28, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

Chiming of the Hour - *In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Noël Étranger sur les jeux d'anches sans tremblant et en duo

Louis-Claude Daquin

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth

People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; proclaim God's salvation from day to day

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, The Lord's marvelous works among all the peoples

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised

*Opening Hymn

Joy to the World

UMH 246

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father

UMH 70

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.*

(please be seated)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 8:1-9

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Offertory

***Doxology** *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*

***A Prayer of Dedication**

Noël sur les flutes

Louis-Claude Daquin

***Hymn**

O Holy City, Seen of John

UMH 726

***New Testament Lesson**

Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

Back to Work

Rev. Dave Leckrone

***Closing Hymn**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***Benediction**

Postlude *(be seated)*

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,
Sally Sisterhen, Doris Spahn

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Kim Braddock,
Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Bob Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana,
Woody Draper, Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, TJ Franklin, Tylor Freeman,
Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser,
Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Claudia Justice,
Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller,
Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer,
Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller,
Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance,
Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Basic Training



Men's Bible Study & Fellowship meets in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for some coffee and muffins for this and future discussions. Here's the topic for the next meeting:

The Power of Gratitude – Saturday, January 3, 2026

Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have. The Bible teaches us to give thanks in all circumstances. This topic encourages discussions on cultivating an attitude of gratitude in daily life. Sharing experiences of thankfulness can inspire others to recognize God's blessings, even in challenging times. The power of gratitude lies in its ability to transform our perspective and enhance our relationships with others and with God.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Attendance—160* ~ Offering—\$3,980.00

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

**includes online and app views*



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