

January 11, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Sonatina in C Major

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the night seems long,

**People: We know dawn will break**

Leader: We soak in the warmth of Jesus Christ's love,

**People: because the tender mercy of God is upon us.**

Leader: As we look to the future,

**People: We know God is near.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*HYMN #15 All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Precious Lord, we admit that sometimes we put our own stories and interests before who you have called us to be. We want to make sure we have a happy ending, even at the expense of others. Forgive us when we fail to live out who you have called us to be: lovers of worship, compassionate neighbors, and fighters for justice. May your grace rest upon us, and transform our lives. Amen.**

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! Through the grace of Jesus Christ, all are invited to be in God's story. All characters, all people, are a part of this universal story of redemption. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

Luke 1:68-79

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM Ave Maria

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON Living the Story Together

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN #697 Take My Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING Minuet in A Minor

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE Invention 4

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Discover Membership Class Sunday January 18

Contact Pastor Brett Gudeman or Sheree Fleming for more information. This group will meet in the library after Sunday service.

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## **USHER TRAINING AND SIGN UP**

**10:45 AM on Sunday,  
January 25**

**One hour training for ushering. All are welcome to learn to be an usher!**



**Everyone Belongs Here**