

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Comfort, Comfort You My People* Genevan 42/L.Leatherman

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN #606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. (*Pastor continues prayer*)

Sanctus (#584) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Breaking of Bread

Prayer After Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

C.Y.Cyssegr

(Welsh Folk Melody)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE

The Wonder of God's Love

L.Larson

POSTLUDE

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberystwyth/L.Leatherman

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

The **Liturgist** for today is Louise Sgarro.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Sara, Connie and Diane.

Chancel Flowers are given by The Carson and Everly Family in memory of

Doris Jerome and Judy Carson.

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January 4, 2026

Service for the Lord’s Day

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

J.H.Hopkins.Jr/L.Leatherman

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

How Great Our Joy!

L.Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
Give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people.”
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;
They shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.
With expectation and joy as we begin a new year, let us worship the living God!

OPENING HYMN #319

Shout to the North

M.Smith

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of creation, we keep messing things up. Forgive us for what we do, and for all the things we let happen. We ignore Jesus and sometimes we make bad decisions. We cry out: “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel,” for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we’re wrong for saying who can be saved. We want you to save those we say are strong and beautiful and wise; you call many kinds of people to you. Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Angels are Singing, Heaven is Ringing

L.Larson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Henry W. Greatorex

Installation and Ordination of Church Officers

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love, and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

ANTHEM

The Holly and the Ivy (English)

R.D.Cormier

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:(1-9)10-18

SERMON

"Strangely Familiar"

Rev. Marcus Lambright

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

A.V.Fedak

(Welsh Melody)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Brief Statement of Faith)

* In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayer Concerns: Nick Bradshaw; Ellie Catalano; Nancy Harter;
Evelyne Holcombe; Ellen Ortolf; Pat Vetter.

Deacons meeting today after Worship in the Memorial Room.

The newly elected board members being ordained and/or installed today are:

Elders — Rich Edsall, Bob Hain, Justin Hannon (3 year term); Nancy Hoydich,
Sara Meissner (2 years)

Deacons — Gladys Cantagallo, Leslie Edsall, Teri Schrul

Trustees — Kim Ott, Laurie Thomas, Rhys Ulerich.

Thank you for your service.

Chancel Flowers for 2026 will now be \$50.

Next **Sunday, January 11th** please plan to stay to help us “un-decorate” the
Sanctuary and the Narthex. Thank you in advance.

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