

Order of Worship January 20, 2019

**Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.*

*The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.*

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Gathering Music

Jose Alviar

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning when God created

People: A wind swept over the waters, a breath warmed the dark voids, a Spirit called forth creation.

Leader: God gave in grace:

People: Let there be light for all to see, let there be water for all to splash in, let there be life in the midst of death. Yes, let there be life beyond death.

Leader: And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

People: It was good, it was awesome and awe-filled,

Leader: It is good.



*Sing! #73 Like a Healing Stream

Opening Prayer of Petition

Leader: God, Giver of Life, give us the waters of new life. In the deserts of our lives, in the wilderness within:

People: Give us the waters of new life.

Leader: To give us hope when our lives run dry, to give us strength when our world seems barren:

People: Give us waters of new life.

Leader: To let peace flow like a river and love spring forth like a fountain:

People: Give us the waters of new life.

Leader: To make justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a living stream:

People: Give us the waters of new life.

Leader: To give us - and our world - a second chance and a new beginning:

People: God, give us the waters of new life. Amen.

Children's Time

(Teachers, Children and Youth depart for Sunday School Classes, and as they go we sing...)



Sing! #88 The Universe is Bending

**The Universe is bending, stretching long and stretching out,
Embracing all our struggles with gentle arms of Hope.**

**The universe is bending, stretching long and stretching out
And it's leading toward Justice by the clear Light of Love.**

*Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate these offerings and gifts to you, O God. We ask that your Holy Spirit transform them from currency to acts of compassion and care that enable your Light to shine brightly in the lives of those who most need a spark of new life or a glimmer of hope. In Jesus name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-8; Acts 19:1-7

Sermon

"Bath"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Wade in the Water

*Doxology

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

Prayers of the People

**Congregational Sung Response: "Shepherd me O God, beyond our wants
beyond our fears, from death into life."**

*Hymn #472

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement

- ◇ While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- ◇ We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- ◇ We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- ◇ We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- ◇ We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- ◇ We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- ◇ We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family

Birthdays this Week

Linda Knudsen 01/20
Stuart Kahl 01/26

Today's Worship Leaders

Readers - Rachel Perry
Greeter—Mac Macpherson
Ushers - David Thoma, Cathy Thoma, Peter Bauer, Susan Bauer
Chancel Visuals — Nancy Macpherson, Cathy Thoma
Coffee - Home Perk
Fellowship Food - All Church Potluck
Open and Close - Linda Timmel
Sound - Robert Keniston, Jim Keniston
Announcement Slides - Jim Keniston
Nursery - Megan Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman
PreK-1st - Dawn Bleyle, Karen Strickland
2nd-5th—Beth Asmann, Janice Burris
Youth— Ken Ruse, Pam Schlueter

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