



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 7, 2021**

**In-Person Worship has been CANCELED due to Snow**  
**A recording of the worship service will be posted to the website on Sunday morning.**  
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**The Sacrament of Communion will not be celebrated in worship this week.**  
**We will share in Communion *next Sunday, February 14*, at both of our worship services.**

**Prelude** – *Brian Barber*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn of Praise** – *"To God Be the Glory" UMH 98*

To God be the glory,  
great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,

great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be our wonder,  
our transport, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!

**Call to Worship:**

Pastor: God has set this day before us,

**People: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

Pastor: God has set our lives before us,

**People: A span of years in which we love, and learn and serve.**

Pastor: God has set His seal upon our hearts,

**People: So that we might live fully in deep love.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Affirmation of Faith** – *The Apostles' Creed UMH 881*

**Message in Music**

**Scripture Lesson** – [James 4:13-17](#)

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Holy God, We say that You are the Light of the World, yet we still refuse to let You into the darkest places of our lives. We call you the Good Shepherd, but we fail to follow where You lead. We say that You are the Bread of Life, but still we seek out other things to satisfy us. We say that You are the Way, but we often want to make our own paths. Forgive us and help us to embrace the guidance, mercy, forgiveness and grace that You offer us so that we can have an abundant life with You -- both now and throughout all eternity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Experiencing and Extending the Peace of Christ**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Musical Offering** – "*Midnight Cry*"- *Alissa Nelson and Roy Nelson*

I hear the sound of a mighty rushing wind,  
And it's closer now than it's ever been;  
I can almost hear the trumpet  
as Gabriel sounds the call,  
and at the midnight cry  
we'll be goin' home.

When Jesus steps out  
on a cloud to call His children,  
the dead in Christ shall rise  
to meet Him in the air;  
And then those that remain  
shall be changed in a moment,  
And at the midnight cry we'll be goin' home.

I look around me,  
I see prophecies fulfilled, all around;  
Signs of the times, they're appearing everywhere;  
I can almost see the Father,  
saying, "Child, go get My children."  
And at the midnight cry  
the Bride of Christ will rise!

When Jesus steps out  
on a cloud to call His children,  
the dead in Christ shall rise  
to meet Him in the air;

And then those that remain  
shall be changed in a moment,  
And at the midnight cry  
we'll be goin' home,  
Goin' home.  
*We'll be goin' home!*  
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**Sermon** – *"Ready or Not, Here I Come"* Pastor Ruth  
Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

**Hymn** – *"Sent Forth by God's Blessings"* UMH 664  
Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
The people of God  
from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended,  
O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship  
in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action  
for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us,  
and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom  
and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever living,  
the tasks of our every day life  
we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children  
of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one  
in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ  
and that name which we bear.

**Benediction**

**Postlude/Dismissal**