



United Methodist Church

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9:00 a.m.

## WELCOME

We are committed to transforming the church and the world into a full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

Dayspring UMC is a Reconciling Congregation. All people, regardless of age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or ability are welcome into the full life of our congregation. Dayspring affirms the value and worth of all persons, recognizing that everyone is a child of God. We call all to live by and attest to gender equality and to observe Jesus' principles of love and non-violence in all our relationships.

Together we are on a mission to make God's world more peaceful, just, compassionate and inclusive.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

ANNOUNCEMENT SLIDES & MUSIC

GREETING

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Nan Lawson

*After weeks of rushing and responding,  
**this is a season to stop and reflect.***  
*Even when sounds and lessons overwhelm us,  
**this is a season to listen and learn.***  
*Even when sorrow and loneliness abound,  
**this is a season to laugh and love.***  
*Even when life disappoints us,  
**this is a season to hope and believe.***  
*In this season of possibilities, Christ walks with us  
through the marshes of entrenched obstacles.*  
**We are not alone.**  
*Walk into the new year with God.*  
**This is a season of New Beginnings.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"Go Tell it On the Mountain"  
(alternate lyrics by Ted Loder)

\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**God of inexhaustible possibilities,  
come to us this day, as we ponder what lies before us  
in the year ahead.**

**Teach us to see opportunities for growth  
in the struggles that lie before us.**

**Help us to find moments of grace and forgiveness  
in the face of ridicule and scorn.**

**Be a light to our path,  
that we may walk confidently in your ways,  
through Jesus Christ, our hope and redeemer. Amen.**

\*HYMN RESPONSE

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me." Mark 10:13

Rev. Joel Bullock

ANTHEM

"Gabriel's Message"

D. Justin Carpenter, tenor; Amanda Osman-Balzell, soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers can be entered online at [dayspring-umc.org/prayers](http://dayspring-umc.org/prayers)

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jesus said, "Pray always and don't lose heart." Luke 18:1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

*You Are a Child of God!*

Rev. Joel Bullock

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

give online at: [dayspringumc.org/give](http://dayspringumc.org/give)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

Miriam Schildkret, alto

Norman Jensen, organ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Shirley Wells

CLOSING HYMN

"Joy to the World!"

Hymnal #246

Vs. 1, 2 & 4

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"I Am the Light of the World"

## **PRAYERS**

**The family and friends of Wilford Roe**, father of Denise Riley, following his death on December 17 from COVID-19 in Whitewater, WI; **Scott and Carmen Baker**, son and daughter-in-law of Jim Baker, both diagnosed with COVID-19; **Katie and Dora**, mother and daughter and dear friends of Marianne Lopez, for love, peace, and safety during this difficult time of uncertainty; **The family and friends of Bob Bassett**, brother-in-law of Nancy Creighton and uncle of Shaun and Jeremy Creighton, following his death on December 13; **The family and friends of Jim Dewveall**, husband of Elizabeth Dewveall, grandfather of Michelle Donati-Grayman, and great-grandfather of Moses, Elias, and Silas Grayman, following his death; **Kathy, Jeff, Jennifer and Chad Urso/McDaniel**, relatives of Suzanne and David Harbster, for comfort following Tina's death from cancer; **Dorothy Van Vleet**, with health concerns; **Phyllis Bleakley**, still hospitalized following a serious car accident on October 6; **Sue Flanders**, mother of Carol Muggeridge, with serious health issues; **Linda Wist**, sister of Cheryl Anderson, recovering following hospitalization with COVID-19 in Kansas City; **Richard Everson**, uncle of David Harbster, a gifted computer engineer, diagnosed with dementia; for all those diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19; for our medical workers to have strength and comfort while staying healthy; for the pastors and leaders of Dayspring UMC, in gratitude of their service to this church; for refugees worldwide, including the Al Naeem and Derow-Mohamed families; for all the indigent people in our society who suffer through all the seasons of the year; for all who actively serve the public common good, including our men and women in the military.

## **Ongoing Health Concerns**

Arlene Roe, Kitty Moran, Michael Luzaich, Marvel Schlick, Joyce Dolin, Skylar-Ann Dunham, Barbara Link, Cindy Sacha, Diane Paz, Heidi Bullock, Anthony Lee, Claire Logan, Pedro Lujan, Jenny Baker, Sheila Fisher, Emily Fitzpatrick, Esther Melo se Orozco, Ron Kessing, Karen Marco, Evelyn Kerr, Fred Miles, and Joyce Larson.

## **For our Healthcare Workers**

Cheryl Anderson, Laura Bacon, Helen Bates, Alan Cadman, Brianna Cadman, Bill Chauvin, Sabrina Gacke, Eric Garlington, Marcie Gest, Amanda Grace, Lara Graf, Tammy Jelen, Karen Kirkland, Trish Lamb, Michelle Locke, Joely Martin, Annie Mayson, Jordan Obray, Simon Parkinson, Jennifer Prochniewski, Lauren Ruck, Kim Searing, AmyLou Simminger, Kathy Vigness, and Christina Weston-Morrow.

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