



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 AND MUSIC

GREETING

Rev. Joel Bullock

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Leni Thomas

God of Connection,

Open our eyes to discover your treasures hidden among our neighbors. Open our ears to listen deeply to their stories. Open our hands to receive the giftedness they bring into our lives.

God of Creativity,

Stir our minds with curiosity about this world of wonders. Lead our feet forward, moving only at the speed of trust. Free our hearts to join the work you are already doing in our neighborhoods.

God of Compassion,

Plant the seeds of patience among us, as we learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. Plant the seeds of grace among us, so failure leads us to your love. Plant the seeds of community, that we would discover your kingdom among us.

Amen

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

FWS #2236

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of love, thank you for the gifts you have given us which make it possible to practice loving our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to keep these gifts in our mind and to celebrate that you have given them to us as an expression of your love. In those areas of our lives where we feel we are lacking, turn us away from shame, so that we might receive your unconditional love. Guide us as we foster the ingredients of abundance, relationship and joy in our lives, so we might truly love our neighbors. We ask as humble and grateful followers of Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSE

**Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones**

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

Rev. Joel Bullock

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MOMENT

Julie O'Neal

MISSION MOMENT *Dayspring Arcadia*

Amy Notbohm

ANTHEM

Your Love Will Be My Song
Celebration Singers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers can be entered online at dayspring-umc.org/prayers

CALL TO PRAYER

"Come, Spirit, Come"

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Rev. Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

The Neighbor Next Door
1. *Loving Our Actual Neighbor*

Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

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OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord
Dayspring Trio

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amy Notbohm

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Joel Bullock

CLOSING HYMN

"The Summons"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

PRAYERS

The family and friends of **John Lanham Sr.**, dear friend of Lynn Lonergan, following his death last week; **Brian Aldinger**, brother of Christie Aldinger, recovering following double lung transplant surgery; **Kathy Chapman**, sister-in-law of Anne and Tim Kneuss, just diagnosed with a mass on her lung that is most likely cancer; **Sue Simmerman**, friend of Sandy Somers, for healing and strength as she has bone cancer and melanoma; **Arlene**, dear friend of Larry and Sally Butler, Pam and Dave Ihns and Ernie and Rosemary Johnson, as she undergoes tests for cancer and develops a plan for treatment; for the people of India as they struggle with a surge in Covid cases; **Povl Boesen**, hospitalized with serious health issues; **Mary Ann**, sister of Sally Jarus, hospitalized in intensive care in Florida; **Nancy Bly and Kevin Whitney**, sister and brother-in-law of Jo Beth Dietz, as Nancy has been diagnosed with a lump on her breast and Kevin was diagnosed with a spot on his lung; **Mehana Perez**, family friend of Greta Merrick, hospitalized and on a ventilator with cancer; **Kevin Skaff**, stepfather of Carolyn Lee's grandchildren, recovering following heart surgery on April 20; **John and his family**, friends of the Morrison family, as John is currently undergoing treatment for a very aggressive cancer; **Joaquina**, friend of Julie and Scott Morrison, currently undergoing chemotherapy; **Rachel Bravmann**, friend of Becky Ashworth's daughter Amy, who is recovering from heart surgery; for all victims and survivors of gun violence; that we all have the wisdom and strength to continue fighting systemic injustice; for the thousands of children at the border to be cared for, to find a safe place to live, and to be reunited with their families; 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

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, Laura Bacon Ruck, and Harrison Lee.

For our Healthcare Workers

Cheryl Anderson, 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 Obrey, Simon Parkinson, Jennifer Prochniewski, Laura Bacon Ruck, Lauren Ruck, Kim Searing, AmyLou Simminger, Kathy Vigness, and Christina Weston-Morrow.

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