

## Order of Worship

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Welcome

\* Call to Worship

Come into God's presence, all of us who imagine and seek, who disrupt and repair.

**By the Spirit, we gather in hope.**

Come into God's abundance, all who have great faith and all who grasp at crumbs, all who resist and all who persist.

**In Christ, we gather and are transformed.**

Come into God's presence

**We sing for joy and for justice; we offer prayer and worship, our most faithful acts of resistance.**

To God be the glory!

**We gather to praise!**

\* Hymn                      Help Us Accept Each Other                      UMH 560

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil;  
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power  
and the Glory forever. Amen.**

Musical Welcome    Where Children Belong                      TFWS 2233

Children's Time

Offering

Anthem

\* Doxology    UMH 94

Scripture                    Matthew 15:21-28

Message                    Holy Confrontation

\* Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

**We believe in the dignity of human beings as image bearers and dearly beloved children of God.**

**We believe all people carry God-given dignity - across every age, race, ethnicity, gender, language, refugee status, appearance, ability, illness, relationship status, family history, criminal background, education, geographical location, clothing, wealth or poverty, religion, hobbies, possessions, mental health, height, weight, hairstyle, tattoos, piercings, talents, or weaknesses.**

**We believe in the ways of Jesus.**

**We believe everyone is our neighbor, without exception.**

**We believe that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue Jesus' ministry of grace and mercy.**

**We believe in and look for the kingdom of God, where love and justice abound.**

Invitation to Discipleship

\* Hymn                    Precious Lord, Take My Hand                    UMH 474

\* Blessing

\* Response                    UMH 143

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn**

**Make you to shine like the Sun**

**And hold you in the palm of God's hand**