

Sunday, 25, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

TODAY'S FOCUS: HOPE — John's picture of the final days is full of symbolism — and hope!

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

INTROIT — Anneke Toomey and Rae Ann Norell “Siciliano in Eb Major” by J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small, In all life thou livest, the true life of all,
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying...

Many: Let there be light!

One: In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us. saying...

Many: Let there be light!

One: In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying...

ALL: Let there be light!

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OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Rinn Choir “You Raise Me Up”

HYMN TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5 — Suzanne Gallagher

The Lamb is the light of God's city

¹⁰ And in the Spirit, he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ... ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

MESSAGE “The Last Temple” Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN TFWS #2158 “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

REFRAIN: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **REFRAIN**

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Margaret Regnier "I Can Only Imagine"

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

ALL: God of all gifts, of all bounty, of every tree and plant and every fruit and vegetable —
Everything we have comes from you. We give you thanks for this abundance. We pray that
the portion we give back to your mission and ministry in the world might be used as a balm to
heal the nations and to restore your love-grounded peace among all creation. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #723 "Shall We Gather At the River"

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

REFRAIN: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **REFRAIN**

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **REFRAIN**

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **REFRAIN**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke Toomey

Offertory—Margaret Regnier

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Special Music — Choir

Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.—Anneke Toomey

Song Leader— Scott Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Introit — Anneke & Rae Ann

Children's Message— Sharon Goldade