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## THE GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

8:30 AM – We Declare Your Glory

Carlton Pearson

11:00 AM – Minuets I & II from Suite in G major, BWV 1007

J. S. Bach

**\*Call to Worship**

*Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,*

***God’s wisdom calls us here.***

*Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,*

***Christ’s love shows us the way.***

*Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,*

***The Spirit’s presence gathers us together.***

**\*Opening Hymn** – How Shall I Come Before the Lord

(words on screen)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Opening Prayer**

*God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding and loved him even when he made mistakes. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. Amen.*

**Prayer of Yearning**

**Source of wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

*Ask and you shall receive.*

*Seek and you shall find.*

*For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering new life in Christ.*

**Prayer Hymn** – Close to Thee

UMH 407

**Prayers of the People**

**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.*

## HEARING THE WORD

**Scripture Reading**

*I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14*

**Sermon**

**“Once upon a Time…”**

Rev. Hyewon “Sophia” Hyon

*Associate Pastor*

**Musical Reflection**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Invitation to Tithes and Offerings** – Offerings may be made by using the QR Code on the back.

**Offertory**

8:30 AM – Goodness of God

CeCe Winans

11:00 AM – Adagio, from *Arioso*

J. S. Bach

**\*Doxology** – Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*We offer prayers for the contributions given today and those made by electronic means.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:30 AM only)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*WAIT FOR PASTORAL INVITATION TO TAKE COMMUNION*

**Communion Hymn** – Bread of the World

UMH 624

**Prayer after Receiving**

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SENDING FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn** – What Does the Lord Require

UMH 441

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** –

**\*You May Stand.**

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---- Welcome to the Heart of the City ----

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**Scripture Readers**  
**8:30 AM** – Mary Dow  
**11:00 AM** – Aimee Hilliard

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**Music Ministry**  
Rev. Kelly Tiebout, *Saturday Worship Musician, and Gospel Choir Director*  
Dr. Phillip Kloeckner, *Chicago Temple Organist*  
Erik Nussbaum, *Director of Music, Worship, and the Arts*

**8:30 AM** – Temple Gospel Choir  
**11:00 AM** – Daniel Kim, cello

**FUMC Clergy**  
Rev. Dr. Myron F. McCoy, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Hyewon "Sophia" Hyon, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. William Schweiker, *Theologian-In-Residence*  
Piers Fetters, *Director of Generational & Outreach Ministries*  
For more information on staff visit [www.chicagotemple.org](http://www.chicagotemple.org)

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**WORSHIP TIMES**

**WEDNESDAYS** – 12:10 PM TO 12:40 PM  
**SATURDAYS** – 5:00 PM  
**SUNDAYS** – 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**ONLINE GIVING**



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**Mission Statement**

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Statement of Welcome and Inclusion**

We welcome all people to the life of this congregation. We believe that we are all in need of God's love and grace and that God, through Jesus Christ, intends the church to be a community that incarnates love, grace, and justice for all people. Holding true to that belief, we welcome and encourage all persons, including persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities, in every aspect of our Christian life together.

**Vision Statement of Our Congregation**

We reflect the face of a loving, accepting God. All we serve experience a sense of welcome and a compelling drive to make a difference. And our pioneering spirit keeps us open to new ways to follow wherever Christ leads.

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday Services 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**  
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