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## THE GATHERING

**Prelude** Improvisation on “For All the Saints”

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”*

*May we learn to depend on God’s abundant provision instead of the world’s grasping for wealth as we worship today.*

*Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”*

*May we learn to follow Christ’s call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God’s kingdom as we worship today.*

*Jesus declared, “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”*

*May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God’s comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.*

*Jesus declared, “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.”*

*May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!*

**\*Opening Hymn**

For All the Saints

TFWS 2283

**Prayer of Confession:**

*Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord.*

*Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. Forgive us. Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.*

**Silent Prayer**

## HEARING THE WORD

**\*Scripture**

Luke 6:17-26

**Sermon** “The Upside-Down Kingdom”

*Piers Fetters*

*Director of Generational & Outreach Ministries*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Prayers of the People**

**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.*

## SENDING FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402

**Postlude**

**\*You May Stand.**

*Please help us create an atmosphere of prayerful silence during and after the postlude so that all may use the space for personal devotion*

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## Upcoming Activities

February is Black History Month

**Sun., Feb. 23 & Mar. 9** – New Member Orientation Sessions

**Mon., Mar. 10** – Concert by Wiley University Choir

**Thurs., Mar. 20** – Virtual Church Council Meeting at 6pm

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## Music

Organist – Phillip Kloeckner

### Chapel in the Sky Tour

Wednesday after 12:10PM - 12:40PM Service  
Check in with an usher.

## FUMC Clergy

Rev. Dr. Young-Mee Park  
*Interim Senior Pastor*

Rev. Hyewon "Sophia" Hyon  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Dr. William Schweiker  
*Theologian-In-Residence*

Piers Fetters  
*Director of Generational & Outreach  
Ministries*

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## WORSHIP TIMES

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

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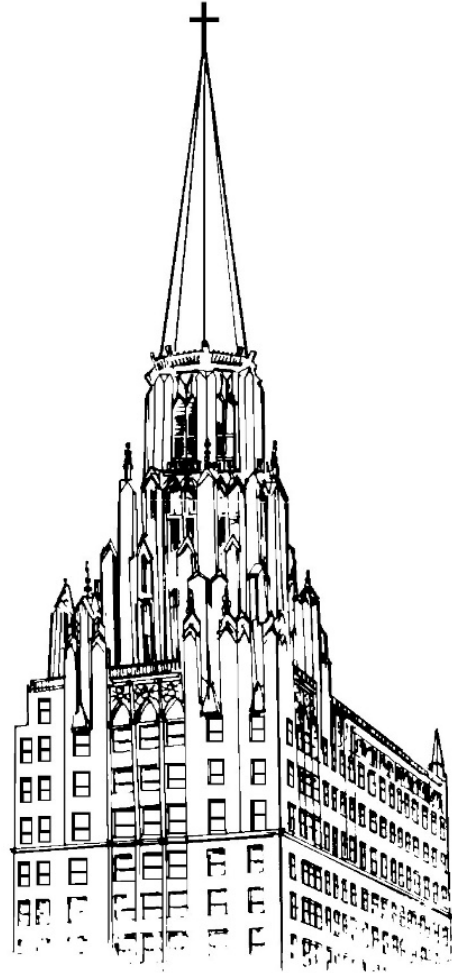
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---- Welcome to the Heart of the City ----



### *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.

**Wednesday Service 12:10 - 12:40 PM**  
**FUMC at the Chicago Temple – 2/19/25**