### THE GATHERING

**Prelude** Improvisation on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#### Welcome

# \*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, my soul.

We will praise the Lord all our lives.

I do not put my trust in princes or presidents. Instead, we trust the Lord, God Almighty.

When their spirit departs, they return to dust. Instead, we believe in the Lord, the Alpha and the Omega.

Human powers, politics, and principalities falter.

Instead, we obey the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

Only God sets prisoners free, gives sight to the blind, and watches over the foreigner. Let us love the Lord our God and our neighbors. Amen.

# \*Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**UMH110** 

### **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

*Psalms 146* \**Matthew 7:24-29* 

**Sermon** "The Divi

"The Divine Term Limit: Eternity"

Don Oh Pastoral Intern

## 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

My Hope Is Built

**UMH 368** 

#### **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

# **Upcoming Activities**

February is Black History Month

**Sun., Feb. 23 & Mar. 9** – New Member Orientation Sessions, 9:45-10:45 AM

**Sun., Mar. 2** – All Church Retreat, 12:30-2:00 PM, James Parlor – All are invited! RSVP required.

**Wed., Mar. 5** – Ashes To Go, 7:30-9:00 AM – at the corner of Clark and Washington by entrances to the building

**Wed., Mar. 5** – Ash Wednesday Services, 12:00 **(noon)** -1:00 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM

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

### 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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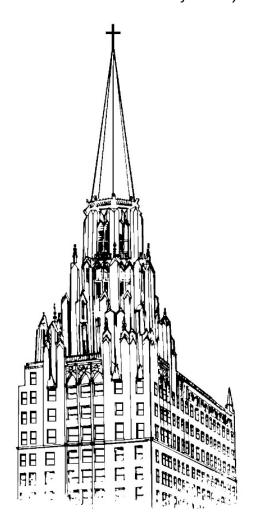
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#### Mission Statement

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 – 2/26/25