
THE GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Sophia Hyon

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

8:30 – Improvisation on “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

11:00 – The Lord of Earth and Sky

UMH 447, RHOSYMEDRE

*Call to Worship

Rev. Young-Mee Park

Children of God, what has God done for you?

God saves, provides, and holds us in God’s steadfast love.

Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus’ story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

We come to worship and cling to God, for God’s steadfast love never fails!

*Hymn of Praise – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

UMH 361

Prayer of Confession

Don Oh/Rev. Magloire Kaneng

We confess that we have not always borne good fruit. In the midst of life’s chaos and distractions, we have lost our sense of direction. We have wandered from the place where we first encountered you. Our pride has blinded us to our faults.

Yet in your mercy, you offer us another chance to change, another opportunity to grow and bear fruit that gives life. In a world filled with brokenness and systems that destroy, you call us to be agents of renewal and hope. Help us lean into this moment of transformation with you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Even when we lose our way, God’s mercy remains.

Even when we falter, God offers us grace and renewal.

In Christ, we are forgiven and called to bear good fruit.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem – When, Dearest Lord, When Shall It Be?

Jane Marshall

HEARING THE WORD

First Lesson

Psalm 63:1-8

DaNotra Harris / Kate McDuffie (8:30)

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

Flora Amafulé (11:00)

Sermon

“In Jerusalem Times”

Rev. Sophia Hyon

Associate Pastor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditation Music

Prayer Hymn – Christ Beside Me

TFWS 2166

Prayers of the People

Rev. Young-Mee Park

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.

Stewardship Moment

Care & Connection Team

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Offerings may be made by using the QR Code on the back

Offertory

8:30 – The Lord of Earth and Sky

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11:00 – Whispers on the Wind

Karen L. Buckwalter

*Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Young-Mee Park

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

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WAIT FOR PASTORAL INVITATION TO TAKE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn – Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

Prayer after Communion

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** – On Eagle’s Wings UMH 143

***Benediction**

Postlude – Prelude in B minor, BWV 544 J. S. Bach

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

***You May Stand.**

Music Ministry

Rev. Kelly Tiebout, *Saturday Worship
Musician, and Temple Gospel Choir Director*

Dr. Phillip Kloeckner
Chicago Temple Organist

Erik Nussbaum
Director of Music, Worship, and the Arts

8:30 AM – Temple Choir Section Leaders

11:00 AM – Temple Handbell Ensemble
Temple Choir

FUMC Clergy

Rev. Dr. Young-Mee Park
Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Hyewon "Sophia" Hyon
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. William Schweiker
Theologian-In-Residence

Piers Fettes, *Director of Generational &
Outreach Ministries*

Rev. Magloire Kaneng / Don Dongwhan Oh,
Pastoral Interns

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WORSHIP TIMES

WED. – 12:10 PM TO 12:40 PM

SAT. – 5:00 PM

SUN. – 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SIGN-IN



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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.

First United Methodist Church at the
Chicago Temple

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday Services 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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