
THE GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Young-Mee Park

Passing of the Peace

Prelude – Create in Me a Clean Heart

Paul Christiansen, arr.

***Call to Worship**

Kwang Oh

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within us.

Do not cast us away from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in us a willing spirit.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouth will declare your praise.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(from Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17)

***Opening Hymn** – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Prayer of Confession

Kwang Oh

God in whom alone we find rest, we confess that we often turn from your gifts of identity, purpose, and meaning.

Instead of serving others, we serve ourselves. Instead of being motivated by love, we are motivated by fear. Instead of seeking wisdom, we seek possessions. Instead of working for peace, we work for security. Instead of seeking our good in you, we look to so many other places, trading your abundant and enduring love for the shiny things of this world.

Draw us back to you, O God, and remind us that all that we have and need we find in relationship with you and with each other. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who came as one of us, tempted as we are, yet without forsaking trust in you.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

In the name of Jesus, who suffered temptation and prevailed, who was crucified on the cross and raised on the third day, hear the word of the Gospel: you are beloved children of God, forgiven, redeemed, and renewed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

11:00 AM Baptism

Cole Andrew Miller / Jesse Young Lin

11:00 AM New Member Ceremony

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Edward Atkinson IV

Keqin Lu

Robert Beaton

Donghwan (Don) Oh

Sung Ja Lee

Leslie Wilbanks

Jesse Young Lin

11:00 AM Hymn – Baptized in Water

TFWS 2248

HEARING THE WORD

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 4: 1-13

Yetunde Johnson/Alivia DuQuet

Sermon

“Invitation to the Wilderness”

Rev. Young-Mee Park
Senior Interim Pastor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditation Music

Prayer Hymn – Nothing Can Trouble

TFWS 2054

Prayers of the People

Rev. Sophia Hyon

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.

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Sophia Hyon

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

Offertory – Before the Ending of the Day

Eric H. Thiman

***Doxology** – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Sophia Hyon

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (8:30 AM only)

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WAIT FOR PASTORAL INVITATION TO TAKE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn – As the Deer

TFWS 2025

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** – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

***Benediction**

Rev. Young-Mee Park

Postlude – Praeludium in G, BuxWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude

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 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 Fetters, *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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---- 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.

First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday Services 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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