
THE GATHERING

Prelude Improvisation on “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Prayer for the Day

We are wounded, worried, betrayed, afraid, and injured. We are physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged.

Drink from these waters and you will never thirst again.

We chase thrills, happiness, wealth, health, longevity, him, her, peace; the right job, the right look, anything to lessen our pain. We exhaust even ourselves with our efforts.

Drink from these waters and you will never thirst again.

We continue, broken – day in and day out, hopelessly applying quick fixes. The pain will not subside. We are beckoned by an eternal yearning. We remember a prayer that grandma taught us, a lesson learned the hard way, or a word from the Word spoken by a sage. We long for relief, we seek it, search for it, yearn for it – relief that can't be purchased or bartered.

Drink from these waters and never thirst again.

God, we are grateful that your thoughts and your ways are higher than our own. Thank you for forgiving our sins. Thank you for new mercies each new day. Thank you for always welcoming us back into fellowship with you. Thank you for providing waters from which we may drink and never thirst again.

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy UMH 340

Prayer of Confession

God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be.

Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence

*So that we may prepare our hearts for change.
[Silent Prayer]*

***We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit,
In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way.***

Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you.

Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps;

Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change.

***There is another opportunity to bear good fruit
In a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill,***

We are called to be the change that sustains generations.

Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

Words of Assurance

God's grace and mercy abound.

God is with us in the change.

God's everlasting arms embrace us.

*Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free.
Amen.*

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon “Come to the Water”

Piers Feters

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

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

*Closing Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City UMH 433

Postlude "Preamble" Louis Vierne

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

Phillip Kloeckner
Chicago Temple Organist

Chapel in the Sky Tour

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

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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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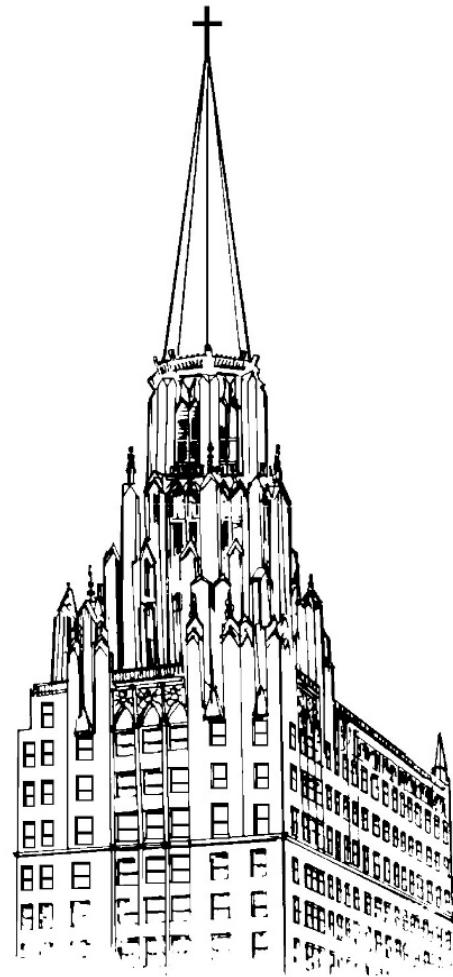
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Mission Statement

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 – 3/19/25