



January 12, 2025 – Livestream  
United Women in Faith Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sue Childers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

*Sophia Sunday School Class*

Beth Coffey

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*For All the Faithful Women*

arr. Emily Maxson Porter

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into our hearts, Great God, and fill us with love.

**People: Come, Marvelous Sovereign, and lead us.**

Leader: Come into our minds and fill us with peace.

**People: Come, Blessed Savior, and lead us.**

Leader: Come into our lives and fill us with hope.

**People: Come, Glorious Spirit, and lead us.**

\*OPENING HYMN #114

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

***God of change and glory, God of time and space,  
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.***

***In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.***

**Refrain: *Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.***

***In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise  
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word  
known in many ways, hallowing our days.***

***For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!***

***God of many colors, God of many signs,  
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.***

***As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. [Refrain]***

***Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,  
you are still creating endless love and light.***

***This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

*Prayer of Susanna Wesley*

(Mother of John and Charles Wesley, whose birthday is January 20)

**You, O Lord, have called us to watch and pray.  
Therefore, whatever may be the sin against which we pray,  
make us careful to watch against it,  
and so have reason to expect that our prayers will be answered.  
To perform this duty aright,  
grant us grace to preserve a sober, equal temper,  
and sincerity to pray for your assistance. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*With Music I Will Praise Thee*

Natalie Sleeth  
Women of the Cathedral Singers;  
Kathleen Custer, conductor

With music, I will praise Thee and magnify Thy Name.  
With melody in measure, Thy goodness, Lord, proclaim;  
with note of golden trumpet, with flute and tuneful string, my song of adoration to Thee I'll sing.  
*Alleluia, sing Alleluia. Alleluia, now let us sing!*  
*Flute and lute and sound of tuneful string, sing Alleluia, and praises bring!*  
With anthems of Thanksgiving, and notes of harmony, I'll sound my Alleluias most gracious God to Thee;  
for Thou art my Creator, who gave me voice to sing, so unto Thee forever my praise I'll bring. *Refrain*

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #771

Psalm 36:5-10

Carolyn Armacost

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
O Lord, humans and animals you save!**

Leader: O God, how precious is your steadfast love!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

**People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Coffey

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:6-8

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>God has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #581

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

***Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.***

***Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.***

***As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.***

***Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary McDonald

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2176

*Make Me a Servant*

***Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Carol Tiller-Luchtman

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Becky Archibald, arranger/piano

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:1-3; 14:12-14

Phyllis Groth

8:1 Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

14:12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Beth DeHoff

HYMN OF DEDICATION #584

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

***Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."***

***Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,***

***help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.***

***With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

***Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."***

***That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,***

***give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.***

***With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

INSTALLATION OF UWF OFFICERS

Pastor: The mission of United Women in Faith  
is to connect and nurture women  
through Christian spiritual formation,  
leadership development,  
creative fellowship and education  
so that they can inspire, influence and impact  
local and global communities.

Will you, the leaders of this unit, pursue this mission?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As Naomi did with Ruth,  
will you walk with women in their journey of faith?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As Elizabeth did with Mary,  
will you rejoice with women in their calling to ministry?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As Dorcas and Lydia did for their generation,  
will you serve in the name of Christ?

**UWF Officers: We will.**

Pastor: As the United Women in Faith of this congregation  
may you live into the vision of being a powerful, fearless force

driven by God's love and united in sisterhood  
who act of justice for women, children and youth.

**UWF Officers: Amen!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Mother and Midwife of our souls,  
pour out your Spirit on these women as they minister among us.  
Guide and strengthen them  
for the work of mercy, justice and peace in this world,  
that together they may be one through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #584

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

***Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."***

***Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.***

***With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

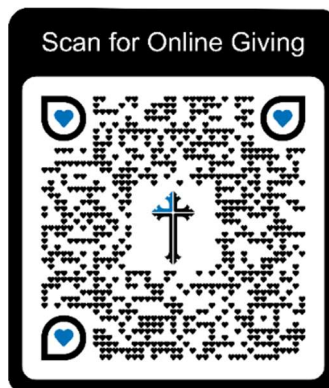
\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Darren Cushman Wood

POSTLUDE

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

arr. Anna Laura Page



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### Upcoming Events:

January 19, Retirement Study Begins

January 21, LGBTQ+ Fellowship

January 24, Winter Family Game Night

January 28, Young Adult Fellowship Dinner

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