

Prelude

O God Our Help in Ages Past
Jubilee Ringers with Narmina Aliyeva

arr. Ron Mallory

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship*

Rev. Lou Seipel
*Rise in body or in spirit

God, we've been going in circles all week.
We can't get these worries out of our head.
But, you call us to worship now, to refocus on You;
Your love that is never in debit and your grace that knows no limit.
Your mercies are new each morning.
Remind us we start each day with a clean slate.

Opening Hymn*

All Creatures of our God and King

UMH #62, vs 1-4

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
By which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sister water, flowing clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hebrew Bible Reading

Psalm 126

Matt Bjelac

Children's Moments

Rev. Lou Seipel

After the conclusion of Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service. Nursery care for ages 0-3 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see an usher for assistance.

Special Music

It Is Well With My Soul
Jubilee Ringers with Narmina Aliyeva, piano

arr. Karen Buckwalter

Season of Prayer

Rev. Lou Seipel

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Lou Seipel

Offertory Music

Come to Me
Tim Byrer, soloist

Dan Forrest

Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #94

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!

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Offertory Prayer

Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Just as you called Lazarus from the tomb, call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your Kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 6:25-33

Matt Bjelac

Sermon

"Lord, You Know"

Rev. Lou Seipel

Closing Hymn*

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH #383

This is a day of new beginnings,

Time to remember and move on,

Time to believe what love is bringing,

Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,

God's mighty Spirit, now as then,

Can make for us a world of difference,

As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,

Step from the past and leave behind

Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,

Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.

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Benediction*

Rev. Lou Seipel

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Narmina Aliyeva

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given in remembrance or celebration. Please visit the sign up beside the round table and sign up for Altar Flowers today.

Livestreamed Service: The 10am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9am • Discipleship and Involvement Fair 9:30am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10am • Hospitality (Dixon Lounge) 11am • Jubilee Ringers (Sanctuary) 11:30am • Hanging of the Greens 5pm • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6pm • Impact (Potter Chapel) 6pm

Weekly Offering (electronically): Scan the QR code or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>



Celebrate Pastor Lou: Sunday, December 22 after the 10am service, join us for a reception in Dixon Lounge as we celebrate Pastor Lou. You may drop off cards in the office prior to the celebration, or bring them with you on that day. We also invite you to contribute to a special love offering. These funds will go toward supporting Lou's travel fund, a small token of thanks for her dedicated service.

Upper Room 2025 Disciplines Daily Devotional: Orders are now being taken for this daily devotional book. The regular size book is \$14, and the large-print edition is \$16. Place your orders in the church office. Orders will be taken through November with delivery in December.

Discipleship and Involvement Fair: Looking for a way to get more involved in our work as a congregation? Looking to build friendships and grow in your faith as you serve God and your neighbor? **Today**, beginning at 9:30am and resuming again after 10am worship, we'll be hosting a Discipleship and Involvement Fair outside the sanctuary. Enjoy some popcorn, cookies, and coffee and peruse the many ways we're involved inside and outside our building. This is a great place to learn, ask questions, and find something to commit to.

Advent Small Groups: Worthington UMC will again be offering small groups to study and reflect on poetry, scripture commentary, and visual art from A Sanctified Art Advent material. This year's theme is "Words for the Beginning". We will be offering three of these small groups beginning December 1. Join us on Mondays at 1pm in the Dixon Lounge; Mondays at 7pm on Zoom; and Sundays at 9am in the library. Sign up using the QR code.



Mission Foci Listening sessions: The Leadership Board will be hosting listening sessions on areas in ministry where we'd like to intentionally direct our energy, resources, and presence to make a positive impact in our community. The second of these listening sessions will take place Sunday, December 8 after 10am worship in Potter Chapel. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Dom with questions.

Worthington Resource Pantry: This holiday season, we will once again be collecting full-size personal hygiene items for the Worthington Resource Pantry. Please visit the table to pick up a bag and a list of the most needed items and return them by December 15. The individual items will be used to stock the shelves at the Resource Pantry, so any or all of the items on the list can be donated. Also, we will accept monetary donations, if you would like us to do the shopping for you.

Welcome Kit for Immigrant Family - Donations Needed: December 3, Worthington UMC and St. John's Episcopal will welcome an extended family of three generations, ranging in age from 58 years-old to 2 years-old, from El Salvador. We are collecting items to prepare their new home. If you are able, please consider donating items to this Welcome Kit. Items can be delivered to WUMC Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm or by special arrangement with Pastor Dom. For more information or to sign up, please visit the QR code.



Next Week's Lectionary: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10, 1; Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Keep us in the loop! Please contact our pastors with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths. Contact Dom at dominic@worthingtonumc.com or Lou at lou@worthingtonumc.com

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