

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* S. Karg-Elert  
Narmina Aliyeva, piano

Passing of the Peace\* Rev. Lou Seipel

Call to Worship\* *\*Rise in body or spirit*

We don't need signs and labels to recognize Your power  
and Your authority, Lord.

**It is because we have seen**

**the unlikely become reality;**

because we have witnessed You

**in the unexpected, and because we believe**

**in truths honed by a carpenter's son.**

We dare to hope, Lord,

that Your kingdom has come among us

**and continues to come, day after day.**

Opening Hymn\* *O Worship the King (vs 1, 2, 4, & 5)* UMH #73

**O worship the King, all glorious above,**

**O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;**

**Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,**

**Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might, I sing of God's grace,**

**Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,**

**Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,**

**And dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?**

**It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;**

**It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,**

**And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,**

**In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;**

**Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,**

**Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

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Hebrew Bible Reading *Psalm 100* Rev. Dom Short Mejia

Special Music *Wayfaring Stranger* American Folk Song  
*Jubilee Ringers* arr. Sandra Eithun

Children's Moments Rev. Lou Seipel  
*(After the conclusion of today's Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.)*

Special Music	<i>On Wings of Song</i> Jubilee Ringers	F. Mendelssohn arr. Sandra Eithun
Collection of Prayer Cards		
Season of Prayer Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer		Rev. Lou Seipel
Offering of Ministry and Gifts		Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Offertory Music	<i>Mary's Song</i> Emily Campbell	Wendell Kimbrough
Doxology*	<i>Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
<b>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!</b>		
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Offertory Prayer*	<b>Gracious and generous God, we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts will be used to extend your kingdom with our neighbors everywhere. May you, the God of all grace, make us holy, strong, and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.</b>	
Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 1:15-23	Rev. Dom Short Mejia
Sermon	"King Benefits"	Rev. Lou Seipel
Closing Hymn*	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	UMH #715
<b>Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</b>		
<b>Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</b>		
<b>His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  The keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  Rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</b>		
<b>Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  And take his servants up to their eternal home.  We soon shall hear th'arch-angel's voice;  The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!</b>		
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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

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
Narmina Aliyeva, organ

arr. D. Bish

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### Announcements

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

**Weekly Offering (electronically):** Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>

**Altar flowers:** The altar flowers this morning are in honor of Jim Heilman's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was November 20.

**Events today:** Early service, 9am • Regular service, 10am • Hospitality, 11am • Jubilee Ringers, 11:30am • Columbus Rings, 6pm

**Advent Small Group Discussions:** Pastor Lou and Dom will be leading studies throughout Advent. People can register using this link: <https://forms.gle/N1ZUYkFwaE5o4b9z8>. Dom will lead studies on Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 7pm, and Lou will lead studies on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. We will alternate leading 9am Sunday mornings. First class starts December 3.

**Advent Wall Calendars and Advent Daily Devotionals:** Free, colorful Advent calendars are available on the Welcome Desk in the church lobby. Please take one home today! Advent Devotional booklets are available in the church office for a suggested donation of \$5.

**Weekly E-Blast Devotionals:** If you'd like to receive the Advent Devotional "How does a weary world rejoice?" this Advent season, make sure you're signed up for our weekly E-Blast newsletter. Each week we will send a devotion as a part of the E-Blast. This devotion will include commentary on scripture, a poem, art pieces with commentary, and reflection questions to guide your study and prayer time throughout Advent. Hard copies of the devotional booklet will be available in the church office for a recommended donation of \$5. Please note that some art pieces that will be included in the devotional booklet used by the small group participants will not be included in the weekly online devotional, as they deal with controversial subject matter that must be handled with care in the context of trusted community. To enroll in the weekly E-Blast with Advent devotionals, please let us know in the church office or send an email to Dennis at [dennis@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dennis@worthingtonumc.com).

**Poinsettia sales:** We will begin poinsettia plant sales on December 5. The 6 ½" potted plants will cost \$10 each and will come wrapped in green foil. The colors offered this year are red, pink, or white. Order forms will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

**Worthington United Women in Faith holiday luncheon:** This annual event will take place on Saturday, December 2 in South Fellowship Hall. The Children's Bell Choir will be providing the music. The theme this year is "Angels in our Lives". Tickets will be sold Sundays throughout November.

**Attendance Card:** Let us know you are here this morning by filling out our Friendship & Attendance card or use our virtual card! Go to <https://forms.gle/x31z6SFh1zFiasTn9>

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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**Greeters:** Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George

**Ushers:** Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rob Kidder, Judy Mayhew, Barb McCarthy, Linda Meyers

**Audio & Visual Team:** Brian Wingerter, Jessica Sapp, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Craig Kramer

### **Worthington UMC Staff**

**Pastoral:** Rev. Louise R. Seipel, Rev. Dominic Short Mejia, Rev. Cal Holloway, Ashley Gerard

**Administrative:** Mindy Go, Jessica Sapp, Dennis Yep

**Facilities:** Eddie Jarrell, Kelvin Poole

**Music:** Jarod Ogier, Tim Berridge, Tim Byrer, Emily Campbell, Emily Stuart, Narmina Aliyeva (piano, organ)

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