

January 5, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Opening Hymn “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine” UMH#606

Call to Worship

Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last:
gathered together for worship!

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: “Arise, shine;
for your light has come.”

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of
the world.

We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the
magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose
glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter,
and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

**We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and
every day. Amen.**

Hymn “We Three Kings” UMH#254

Children’s Sermon

Tongan Choir

Scripture Matthew 25:14-40

Sermon “I Am No Longer My Own” Pastor Dan Wilcox

Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” UMH#117

A Covenant Prayer

UMH#607

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Sharing briefly the ways that we can be praying for us and others.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

It is an ancient practice to make offerings to God as part of our worship. Today, this offering may be a prayer, a financial gift, or a renewed or new commitment to ministry. Feel free to use the Connect Card in the bulletin to share that prayer or commitment and place it in the offering plate.

Offertory

*** DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for the gifts of
Christmas. Thank you for inviting us to bring gifts to your world. Bless the gifts
we bring, that they may become vessels of Christ’s light and love in the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn “Star-Child” FWS#2095

Benediction

Arise; shine!

The world needs our light.

Go forth with grace and love and peace and joy.

We leave as those covenanted with God.

Live now as those committed,

Christ’s presence will save us all. Amen.

Postlude
