

January 14, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Carol Stewart arr. by John Innes

**Call to Worship

The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?

Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Come, let us worship the God whose love never stops calling us to follow.

**Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" (v.1,2) UMH #399

Prayers of the Faithful & the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Carol Stewart arr. by Cindy Berry

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of vision and courage, you call us to be your hands and feet in the world. In a world full of need, use our gifts and our offerings, our time and our talents, to bless those in need of your blessings. Through these gifts, may others come to see your grace and hear your call in their lives. Amen.

Ministry of Music "Dona Nobis Pacem" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-6 & 13-18

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Knowing God" Rev. Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" (v.1,2,4) UMH #419

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction "Go Now In Peace" Jay Althouse

Postlude "Be Thou My Vision" Carol Stewart arr. by Marilyn Ham



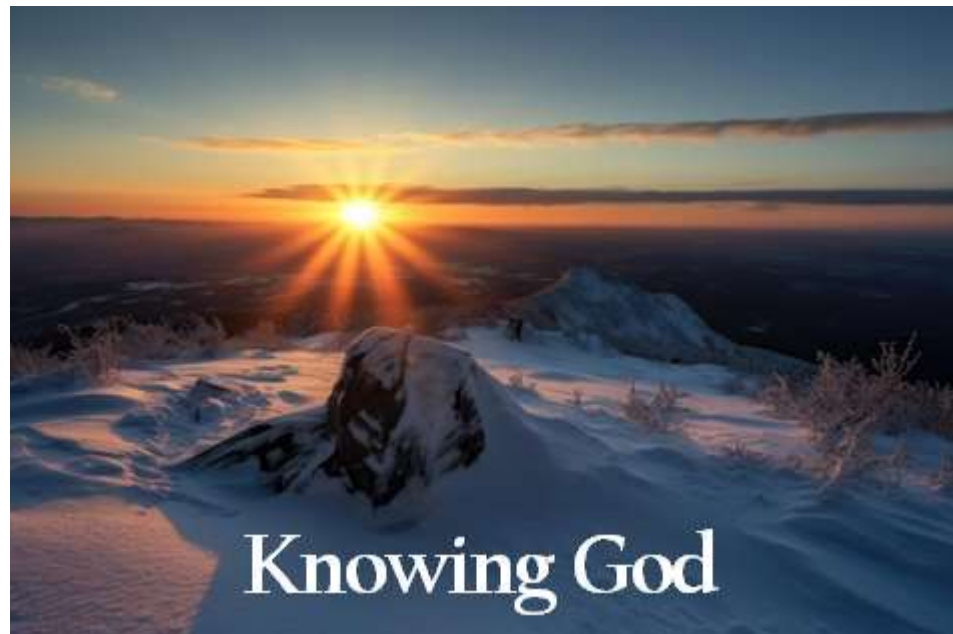
The Altar Flowers are given in honor and appreciation of our Sunday School Teachers.

Gospel Reading - Psalm 139:1-6 & 13-18 (NIV)

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
- ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 14, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Will Mossing Chad Mossing, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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