

ORDER OF WORSHIP – January 18, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Kestle

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT: Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(standing)*

*(Leader): Children of God, who has God called you to be?*

*(All): A light to all the nations!*

*(Leader): When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?*

*(All): A light to all the nations!*

*(Leader): When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?*

*(All): A light to all the nations!*

*(Leader): When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?*

*(All): A light to all the nations!*

*(Leader): Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!*

*(All): We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN: *(standing)* #188 UM Hymnal "Christ is the World's Light"

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *(standing)* *(Turn in orange cards and Pew Pads)*

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT: Sue McNicol

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER: Chuck Kestle

LORD'S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN: #347 UM Hymnal "Spirit Song"

MESSAGE: "The Door to Happiness Opens Outward" Isaiah 49:1-7

Sue McNicol

Jill Graff

SPECIAL MUSIC: #2182 The Faith We Sing "When God Restored Our Common Life"

GIVING BACK TO GOD:

DOXOLOGY: *(standing)* #94 UM Hymnal "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

HOLY COMMUNION:

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: #435 UM Hymnal "O God of Every Nation"

BENEDICTION *(standing)*

As we leave this place, remember: God, who calls us and knows us by name, now sends us out into the world— to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair. And may the blessing of God be among us and within us as we seek to do God's will. Amen.