



**Order of Worship
January 9, 2022
First Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Dan Ensor

Prelude

We, Your People, Praise You

Haydn

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Brenda Krens

Listen! God's voice calls to us.

We hear God calling.

Look! God will provide for us.

We see God working in our midst.

Come! God is making us holy.

We welcome the Spirit's power.

Opening Prayer (Only the Liturgist)

Brenda Krens

God of the prophets, priests, and rulers who have gone before, we come into your sanctuary having heard your voice. In every age you have called your people into community, welcoming saint and sinner alike into the household of faith. Anoint us now with your

presence. Rush into our midst on Spirit wings. Establish your reign in our hearts. In the name of the Triune God we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Children's Message

Shally Stanley

Morning Prayer

Dan Ensor

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Bobby Ford

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Sermon

The Heart of the Matter

Bobby Ford

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Offerings

Lord, you have blessed us with such love and goodness. We wonder at the beauty of your creation, we thank you for the sustenance of food and drink and we cherish the love of family and friends. Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give of our money and resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. Lord, may this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the beautiful world which you have made. Amen.

Read more at: https://www.living-prayers.com/events/offertory_prayer.html

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

Whom Shall I Send?

UMH 582

Commission and Benediction

Bobby Ford

(Unison): In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled David and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action guide you, both now and forevermore. Amen

Choral Benediction *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Postlude *Jesus, My Lord* Frick

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Whom Shall I Send?

*Whom shall I send? our Maker cries;
and many, when they hear God's voice,
are sure where their vocation lies;
but many shrink from such a choice.*

*For who can serve a God so pure,
or claim to speak in such a name,
while doubt makes every step unsure,
and self confuses every aim?*

*And yet, believing God who calls
knows what we are and still may be,
our past defeats, our future falls,
we dare to answer: Lord, send me!*

*Those who are called God purifies,
and daily gives us strength to bend
our thoughts, our skills, our energies,
and life itself to this one end.*