



9:30 Traditional Service



**Greetings and Announcements** (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)  
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other  
with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all  
as we worship together in spirit and truth.

**Prelude** "How Great Thou Art" M. Zabel

**\* Call To Worship**

**Leader** We are here to praise God because Jesus Christ has set us free to live.  
**People** We are here because in Christ we are forgiven and made whole.  
**Leader** We are gathered because Jesus Christ has united us into one family of faith.  
**People** We will witness to the good news: Jesus Christ frees and unites. Praise God!  
Alleluia! Amen.

**\* Opening Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

**First Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 6:4-9,20-23; 10:17-22 Jim Stewart

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:31-46 Diana Natsch

**Solo** "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" G. Martin  
Denise Gibson

**Pastoral Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer** No. 895

**Offering / Offertory** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" R. Powell

**Third Scripture Reading** John 1:1-13

**Reflection** "Power and Light" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Covenant Renewal**

**Celebration of Holy Communion** (Page 13 Hymnal) Gluten free wafers are available.  
All those seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy  
Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.

**\* Closing Hymn** "What Child Is This" No. 219

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude** "God Is Here!" R. Powell



The flowers on the altar this morning are given  
in loving memory of James Richard Beers, from Vivian.



Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Tech: Darin Chartier

Ushers: Jane, Aten, John Aten, Jay Hazlett, Bill Vanni

Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the new Community Room  
before and after today's service, hosted by Pat Berryman Family.

## COVENANT PRAYER

*O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
see me as I bow in my heart before you.*

*Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will,  
for you have promised mercy to me  
if I turn to you with my whole heart.*

*God requires that you shall put away all your idols.*

*I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all,  
covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.*

*In your power  
I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion,  
to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.*

*God has given the Lord Jesus Christ  
as the way and means of coming to God.*

*O blessed Jesus, I do come to you,  
Humbly, hungry, sinful and blind,  
unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.*

*I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.*

*Christ has told us that we must suffer with him.*

*I do here covenant with you, O Christ,  
to take my lot with you as it may fall.*

*Through your grace I promise  
that neither life nor death shall part me from you.*

*And now, O mighty God, the faithful Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you have become my Covenant Friend.*

*And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.*

*So be it. Now let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.*

*You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing. Therefore, with all reverence, lay the service before the Lord as your act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it. Then keep it as a reminder of the holy agreement between God and you that you may remember it during doubts and temptations.*

## Covenant Renewal Service ~ January 3, 2016

*In 1663 Richard Alleine, a Puritan, published a service, A Vindication of Godliness in the Greater Strictness and Spirituality of It.*

*Wesley found the service rich and meaningful, and used it in his congregations. He wrote in his Journal "Many mourned before God, and many were comforted" (April 1756); "It was, as usual, a time of remarkable blessing" (October 1765); "It was an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences ... I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of His graces, healing all their backslidings" (January 1, 1775). In London these services were usually held on New Year's Day. Around the country the Covenant Service was conducted whenever John Wesley visited the Methodist Societies.*

## OPENING PRAYER

*O God, Searcher of all our hearts,  
you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.  
As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,  
and to enter anew into covenant with you,  
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.*

*Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,  
and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*(David Tripp, England, 20th Century)*

## QUIET REFLECTION AND PRAYER

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

*Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.*

*O God, our Covenant Friend,  
you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.*

*We thank you for your loving care,  
which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.*

*We praise your holy name, O God.*

*You have given us life and reason,  
and set us in a world filled with your glory.*

*You have comforted us with family and friends,  
and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.*

*You have been our light in darkness  
and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.*

*You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys  
and the all sufficient reward in all our labors.*

*Today, we meet, as the generations before us have met,  
to renew the covenant that binds us to God.*

*Let us make this covenant of God our own.*

### **WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE INVITATION**

*Kevin Garren & Leigh Sapp*

*Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.  
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.  
Christ has many services to be done.*

*Some are more easy and honorable,  
others are more difficult and disgraceful.*

*Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,  
others are contrary to both.*

*In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.*

*But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ  
except by denying ourselves.*

*It is necessary, therefore,  
that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.*

*Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:*

*Let me be your servant, under your command.*

*I will no longer be my own.*

*I will give up myself to your will in all things.*

*Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.*

*Lord, make me what you will.*

*I put myself fully into your hands:*

*put me to doing, put me to suffering,  
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing.*

*I freely and with a willing heart  
give it all to your pleasure and disposal.*

*Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.*

*He is the source of salvation to all who trust and obey him.*

*Confirm this by a holy covenant.*

*To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:*

*First, set apart some time, more than once,*

*to be spent alone before the Lord;*

*in seeking earnestly God's special assistance*

*and gracious acceptance of you;*

*in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant;*

*in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ.*

*Consider what your sins are.*

*Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are,*

*and whether you, after having carefully considered them,*

*are willing to choose them all.*

*Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.*

*Third, claim God's covenant,*

*rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength,*

*so you can keep your promise.*

*Trust not your own strength and power.*

*Fourth, resolve to be faithful.*

*You have given to the Lord your hearts,*

*With God's power, never go back.*

*Open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:*

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

**~ Pajama Sunday ~**

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)  
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /  
Children's Sunday School; room 206)  
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)  
11:00 AM—Children's Ministry Committee

**Monday, January 4, 2016**

12:00 PM—Prime Time  
5:45 PM—Daisies  
7:00 PM—Boy Scouts #72  
7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA

**Wednesday, January 6, 2016**

9:15 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM—JrHi TIDE  
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:30 PM—Praise Band  
7:30 PM—Disciple 4  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

**Friday, January 8, 2016**

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

**Saturday, January 10, 2016**

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
5:00 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

**Sunday, January 10, 2016**

**~ Consecration Sunday ~**

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)  
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /  
Children's Sunday School; room 206)  
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)  
2:00 PM—Panama Orientation  
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise  
4:30 PM—Choristers  
6:30 PM—SrHI Tide

**Monday, January 11, 2016**

1:00 PM—BookTalkers  
7:00 PM—Boy Scouts #72  
7:00 PM—Inquirers

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

9:30 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

8:45 AM—MEMOS  
9:15 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM—All Stars  
7:00 PM—JrHi TIDE  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

9:00 AM—Faith Circle  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:30 PM—Praise Band  
7:30 PM—Disciple 4  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

**Friday, January 15, 2016**

6:00 PM—Faithful Threads Retreat  
6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

7:00 AM—Pinewood Derby  
8:00 AM—AD Board  
8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:00 AM—Faithful Threads Retreat  
5:00 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

**A Warm Welcome to All!**



We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Community Room near the front entrance to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Community Room for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00—11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!

**News & Notes**

**Today is PAJAMA SUNDAY!** All ages were invited to wear their comfy, warm pajamas to worship and Sunday School during the 9:30 and 11:00 services today. We will serve breakfast treats and have a special activity during B.I.G Time and Kids Own Worship.

**CONSECRATION SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10!** Please join us on Sunday, January 10 at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. services as we consecrate our renovated sanctuary, new front entrance and community room to the Glory of God. Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Sally Dyck, will be preaching. We will recognize the wonderful people who have helped us make this great dream a reality. Between services and after the 11:00 service we invite you to a joyous time of food and fellowship in the New Community Room. Don't miss this important celebration in our life together!!

**OUR NURSERY HAS EXPANDED!** Through Easter we are offering two nurseries—the “infant nursery” (room 100) for little ones 0-2 years and the new “toddler nursery” (room 102) for 2.5-4 year olds. (4+ will attend church programming) Contact Amanda Seibert with questions or to help.

**TEACHERS NEEDED!** B.I.G. Time (Sunday School) and Kids Own Worship classes are in need of teachers for January, February & March. If you are able to teach or assist a teacher please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & NEEDS—**We are delighted to have a beautiful new Community Room where we can serve coffee and treats on Sunday morning, but we need your help. Because of our expanding opportunities for hospitality in the Community Room, we need additional volunteers in 2016 to help us organize and carry out these coffees. Would you be willing to help? Please email Pastor Jamie if you feel like you can contribute in some way. Thank You!!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES—**are available for pick up TODAY in the Community Room. Thank you for picking up your envelopes and helping to save on postage! Questions? Contact Ruth at 847-362-2112 or ruth.ross@umcl.org

## News & Notes Continued

**AD BOARD MEETING**—Our next Administrative Board meeting will be held Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 8:30 AM in Room 206. All are welcome to attend!

**PRIME TIME POTLUCK LUNCH AND GAME DAY—JANUARY 4** Join us for a potluck lunch at Noon followed by fun after lunch playing games to celebrate the New Year. Please bring your favorite game.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin an 8-week study of 2 Timothy on Wednesday, January 13 at 1:00 PM in room 103 at church. If you'd like to participate, please contact Terry Johnson at JGTAJohnson@aol.com today! Books cost \$7, and will be available for pick up in the office in early January. Everyone is welcome to join the study.

**PADS IS BACK** and we need your help! Volunteers are needed for overnight shifts and clean-up shifts, as well as folks willing to bring in dinners on the 2nd or 4th Saturdays of the month. The PADS signup book is in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thank you for serving. If you have PADS blankets at home that you washed over the summer, please return them now.

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR JANUARY** will help support—1) Lake County United—This broad-based non-profit citizen organization, comprised of churches, synagogues, mosques, civic, and labor groups has been addressing common goals since April 2003. The mission of their members is to work as agents for change on issues that most impact the people of Lake County. For additional information regarding recent initiatives, please go to [www.lakecountyunited.org](http://www.lakecountyunited.org) or call 630-743-9649. 2.) Panama Mission Trip—Our church helps sponsor this medical mission trip to Panama every year and this month, from January 23 – 30, an all-time high number of 30 volunteers are going. The volunteer team, which includes physicians, dentists, ophthalmologists, pharmacists, and nurses, sees from 900-1800 people in the 4 days they run the clinic in remote locations. Please watch the church bulletins and MEMOs for updates and supplies that are needed.

**COLLECTING STYROFOAM TO SAVE LANDFILLS**—We are collecting packaging styrofoam for recycling for the next few weeks as you unwrap large gifts this Christmas. Tubs will be placed strategically at church (depending on construction). We can also accept foam egg cartons, food containers (clean) etc. Thank you, The Earth

**MEMOS**—The next edition of MEMOS will be January 13, 2016

**RUTH CIRCLE** will be meeting at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday January 20th to do a "crafty service project". Bring your own sack dinner. For more information call Julie Garren, 847-816-7340 or Teri Dreher, 847-687-9942. No special talent needed for this craft so ALL are welcome!

**SOUPER SATURDAY** is a fun and flavorful multi-generational afternoon on Saturday, January 30, 12:00—3:00 PM. Bring your family, your favorite game and a crock pot of soup. We will have games from scrabble to Nintendo Wii and everything in between. Top 3 favorite soups will be awarded prizes! Cost of admission is a non-perishable item per person - maybe a can of soup!? Please sign up online at <http://www.umcl.org/souper-game-night>.

## News & Notes Continued

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**—The New Year is a time for new beginnings and the celebration of life. . If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), or the Pastors.

**EXPLORE YOUR FAITH!** Join us for the ALPHA series at 4.00 on Sunday afternoons, beginning on January 17. Alpha is a small group study that gives everyone the opportunity to explore their beliefs in a relaxed, friendly setting. Contact either Kathy Locke ([klocke@ameritech.net](mailto:klocke@ameritech.net)) or Jim Stewart ([jstewo819@aol.com](mailto:jstewo819@aol.com)) with questions or to register.

**HELPING HANDS**—A request....our Helping Hands Ministry has a request to find some hearing aids that you might not be using anymore and may just be lying in a drawer. If you would like to clean out that drawer, please drop the unused aids off at the church office. Thanks!!

**GIVING IN GRATITUDE**—Many Thanks to all those who have already submitted their 2016 Financial Commitments for our Stewardship Campaign, "Giving in Gratitude." We appreciate both the commitments to the 2016 Annual Ministry Fund and the ongoing or new commitments to the Building Fund for our renovations which will be completed very soon!

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