



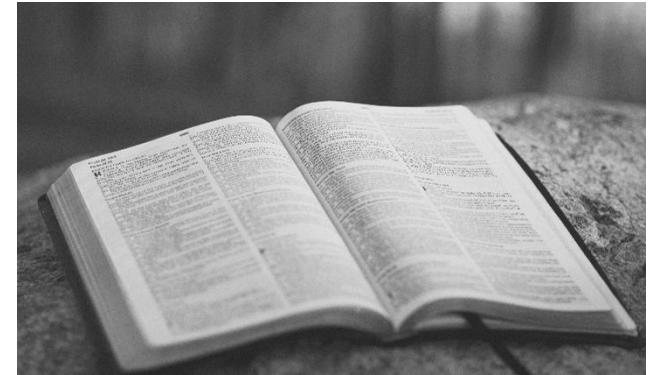
**Crooks Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
January 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Connie Jarvis & Gloria Brown

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,  
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper



For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.

**Our Mission:**

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World

**Our Vision:**

Making Space for God and Others

**Our Values:**

Worship ✠ Faith ✠ Family ✠ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor  
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop  
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –  
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**Welcome to Worship**

**Cell phone and electronic devices:**

Please set to silence.

**Connection Card:** Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

**Hard of hearing or sight:**

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

**We love children in worship!**

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

**We record worship:** As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

<b>Song of Proclamation</b>	<i>“There Is Joy”</i>	LaMar Boschman
<b>Welcome</b>		Patty Belvin
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>“Come, O Come”</i>	Anonymous
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”</i>	UMH 176
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		
Fount of Life, Glorious One, your great works are full of honor and majesty: <b>the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.</b> Ever-Living God, Generous One, your goodness and faithfulness endure forever: <b>the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.</b> Sheltering God, Healing One, you remember your covenant and its promises to us: <b>the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show to us.</b> The works of your hands are faithful and just. Your teachings are trustworthy and true. <b>Your praise endures forever! Amen.</b>		
<b>Prayers of the People &amp; the Lord’s Prayer</b>		Rev. B. Sung
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“This Is My Father’s World”</i>	UMH 144
<b>Scripture</b>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Pew Bible O.T. 168) 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Pew Bible N.T. 160) The Word of God for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Beth Pile Beth Pile
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>“Wonderful, Merciful, Savior”</i>	Rodgers & Wyse
<b>Small Talk</b>		Steven Barbery

<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 1:21-28 (Pew Bible N.T. 33)	Rev. B. Sung
<b>Message</b>	<i>“The Absolute Authority”</i>	Rev. B. Sung
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“Victory In Jesus”</i>	UMH 370

#### Offertory Prayer

Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, Spirit from on high, may our gifts reveal Your grace and mercy far and wide. May others learn of Your faithful love through the power of Your works and through the gifts we bring this day. May they also learn that You have everything to do with their lives. Amen.

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>“Mercy and Grace”</i> Betty Warren, Pianist	DJ Alande
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<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
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<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. B. Sung
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What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?  
**Everything! You are the source of life, our wisdom, our healing.**

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?  
**Everything! You give us mercy, grace, and hope.**

What You do with the world, Jesus of Nazareth?  
**Everything! You are the holy One of God, the Savior of the world!**

Let us give thanks with our whole hearts! **Amen.**

<b>Postlude</b>	<i>“Let the Church Say Amen”</i>	Andre Crouch
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#### Money Matters—from the Treasurer

For the calendar year 2023, our income from contributions was \$193,000. Our expenses were \$242,000. That leaves us with a **\$49,000 deficit for the year.** Through investments, we gained approximately \$10,000 in interest during 2023. By applying our 2023 interest gains to our contributions, we can reduce the negative impact of underfunding our budget to **approximately -\$39,000 for 2023.** We continue to monitor our gains from investments. Current investments total \$664,000.