



**Crooks Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
February 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Nancy Root & Janet Jasewicz

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.

**Song of Proclamation** “*This Little Light of Mine*” Spiritual

**Welcome** Carolyn Prokup

**Prelude** “*They That Wait Upon the Lord*” Arthur B Whiting

**\*Hymn** “*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” UMH 57

**\*Call to Worship**

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**We come to worship and to rest in God’s presence.**

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens,  
God is with us.

**God strengthens us that we might help  
carry one another’s burdens.**

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving  
for God’s love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer** Rev. B. Sung

**\*Hymn** “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” UMH 526

**Scripture** Isaiah 40:21-31 Debbie Braziel  
(Pew Bible O.T. 628-629)  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Debbie Braziel  
(Pew Bible N.T. 161)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** “*Mighty King*” Tom Fettke

**Scripture** Mark 1:29-39 Rev. B. Sung  
(Pew Bible N.T. 33)

**Message** “*A Sketch of a Day of Jesus*” Rev. B. Sung

**\*Hymn** “*We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations*” UMH 569

**Communion** *All are invited to the table*

**The Great Thanksgiving** UMH 13

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, today we confess that we often live as those who have never heard of you. We plan and strategize as though the outcome depended solely upon us. We worry and fret like those who have no advocate. Forgive us Lord, for the scheming and conniving we do to make sure that we have our own way. Forgive us Lord, for grasping at power when you are the Power, for seeking glory when all glory belongs to you, for not leaning upon you when we feel weak, or powerless or alone. Forgive us Lord, for relying upon ourselves and other mortals when we should turn to you. Teach us how to live more like those who belong to you and less like those who belong to the world. Amen.

**Music During Communion** “*Remember Me*” LJ Moore

**Offertory Prayer**

God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and to be filled with your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. We pray this in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

**Offertory** “*My Life Is In Your Hands*” Monticello/Troccoli  
Judy Mandeville, Soloist

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

**\*Benediction** Rev. B. Sung

Though our lives often seem overwhelming,  
**in God, we shall mount up with wings like eagles.**  
Though our responsibilities weigh us down,  
**in Christ, we shall run and not be weary.**  
Though injustice and discord sap our strength,  
**in the Spirit, we shall walk and not faint. Amen.**

**Postlude** “*On Eagle’s Wings*” UMH 143