

**Prelude** "Breath of Heaven" (arr. Belliston) Pastor Barbara Cooper

**Introit** "Prepare Ye", Schwartz Drew Lewis, Jen Messaros, Amy Enloe

**Welcome/Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** Kimberley Liston-Lake

Leader: Today there is good news for us to behold!

**People: Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found blessing in God's sight.**

Leader: For in the mercy and love of God, the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain, those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing, and there shall be peace.

**People: God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.**

Leader: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

**People: Believe in the power of God in all things.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" 213 UMH

**\*Candle Lighting** Kimberley Liston-Lake

TFWS 2090 Light the advent candle three: think of heavenly harmony; angels singing, "Peace on earth" at the blessed savior's birth. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**Advent Prayer**

**O Lord, you know the deserts and the parched places in our lives. We seek your healing power. Lead us on this Advent journey to the place of new birth and to the place of our redemption; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**Children's Moments** Becky Weaver

228 UMH He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

**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.

**Anthem** "We Shall Walk in Peace" (Davenport) OUMC Choir

**Scripture Reading** James 5:7-10 Kimberley Liston-Lake

Luke 1:45-55

**Hymn** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" 216 UMH

**Joys & Concerns** Kimberley Liston-Lake

Morning Prayer Jim Enloe

**Thanking God with Our Offerings**

Offertory "The Wexford Carol" (arr. Hayes) Pastor Barbara Cooper

\*Doxology, Offertory Prayer

**Sermon** Pastor Rick Jones

**\*Closing Hymn** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 203 UMH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus", (arr. Hayes) Pastor Barbara Cooper

\*Indicates standing. If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated.

**Participating in Worship Today:**

Lead Pastor	Pastor Rick Jones
Keyboard	Pastor Barbara Cooper
Liturgist	Kimberley Liston-Lake
Children's Message	Becky Weaver

Weekly at OUMC:

Sundays: 9:30am Coffee House discussion

Mondays: 6:30pm Christian Craft Circle

Wednesdays: 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays: 5:45 pm Bible Study temporarily on hiatus

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these small groups

Wi-Fi: Network: OUMC Main, Password: 2025OUMCguest

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**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 6 pm**

**Nurture Team Fellowship Lunch**  
**Sunday, January 11**  
**Soupalicious Feast!**



**Winter James Bags**  
**Please donate:**  
**peanut butter crackers**  
**water bottles**

**Dakota Center**  
**Christmas Bags**  
**blessing today!**



**Lakewoods Meal**  
**Saturday, December 20**



**December 14, 2025 10:30am Worship**



Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world  
by proclaiming the good news of God's grace.

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**online or in person**  
**every Sunday at 10:30 am.**  
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