

# **A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**

**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 11, 2026**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship (Isaiah 25 CEB)**

Leader: On this mountain, the LORD of the heavenly forces will prepare for all people a rich feast, a feast of choice wines.

**People: of select foods rich in flavor,  
of choice wines well refined.**

Leader: [God] will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all

peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. [God] will swallow up death forever.

**People: The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; [God] will remove [God's] people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken. Amen.**

### Invocation

**\*Opening Hymn #41 "O Worship the King! All Glorious Above!"**

**O worship the King,  
all glorious above!**

**O gratefully sing God's power  
and God's love:**

**Our shield and defender,**

**the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor  
and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might;  
O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep  
thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path  
on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store  
of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has**

**founded of old;  
Established it fast by a  
changeless decree,  
and round it has cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care  
what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air;  
it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills;  
it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew  
and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust,**

**and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust,  
nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer,  
and Friend.**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Confession -  
“Confession”**

**Lord, I come before you, asking your  
forgiveness. I am broken, I have  
faltered. I have turned from you.  
Create in me a new heart. Fill me with  
your love. Grant that I receive your  
grace, I pray.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of miracles. We expect you to show up in earth-shattering ways, with large demonstrations of your power. But you so often show up in small ways, saving the moment, saving face, saving the party. You show up in unexpected ways, giving us more than we were expecting. You show up in the encouragement of another, urging us to do more than we thought we were ready for. Welcome us into your glorious feast, where we are treated better than we expect or**

**think we deserve. In this silence ease our hesitation, call us to show your generosity, save our moment as well as our lives. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession**

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,  
**People: Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give  
thanks to the Holy One; give thanks  
because we're given  
Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the  
weak say, "We are strong"; let the  
poor say, "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for  
us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from  
God, the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. The peace of Christ be with  
you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Transition Hymn #631 (v.1) "In the  
Presence of Your People"**

**In the presence of your people  
I will praise your name,  
for alone you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
Let us celebrate your goodness  
and your steadfast love;  
may your name be exalted  
here on earth  
and in heaven above.**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology (#606)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow; Praise God all creatures here  
below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Special Music**

**“In Thee, Almighty King”**

**by Dan Forrest**

**Scripture Reading John 2: 1-11**

**(NRSVUE)**

Leader: This is the word of God for  
the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**Rev. AJ Ochart**

**“The Life of the Party”**

**Responding to God’s Word**

# Installation and Ordination of Ruling Elders

## Sending Out Into the World

### \*Sending Hymn #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.*

*Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling  
in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them.**

**They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them.**

**Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,**

**I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Congregational Benediction #540**

**“Farewell, Good Friends”**

**Farewell, good friends!**

**Farewell, good friends!**

**Shalom, shalom!**

**Till we meet again,**

**till we meet again,**

**shalom, shalom.**

# \*Postlude