

Contemporary Order of Worship
February 4, 2024
Worship Series: Bread, Bath, and Beyond
Message: Beyond the Chaos

Gathering *God My Rock* Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Moment

*Centering Song *Take My Life* Praise Band

*Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God Beyond our Knowing
and yet right here in our midst,
calm the cacophony of our lives
and give us sweet respite in this weary land.
Guide us, Holy Spirit,
Nudge us, Teacher Jesus.
Love us, Holy One. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

Offering Song *Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)* Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 29-39 Sam Patricola

Message *Beyond the Chaos* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Lord,
in the midst of the chaos that surrounds us,
remind us of Your power and authority**

over the chaos and disorder in our lives.

We confess that at times, we have allowed chaos to consume our lives.

**We have become overwhelmed by the demands of this world,
losing sight of the presence and the peace that You offer.**

**We have neglected our spiritual well-being,
and failing to prioritize our relationship with You.**

**We have sought quick fixes and temporary solutions,
rather than seeking Your guidance and wisdom.**

**We have failed to be agents of Your love and grace
in a world that desperately needs it.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Enable us to surrender our chaos to You,
trusting in Your guidance.**

As Jesus sought solace in You in the midst of chaos,

Help us to seek You in prayer

and to rely on Your power to bring order and peace to our lives.

**Empower us to be instruments of Your peace amidst the chaos of this world,
bringing comfort, hope, and healing to others. AMEN.**

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Jesus has come to heal our souls.

Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is poured out to you this day.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13 Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven

praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your might acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion *The Table* Praise Band

Prayer Following Communion
**Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves to others
in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

*Closing Song

This is Amazing Grace

Praise Band

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

God My Rock (Reprise)

Praise Band