

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

Cantor: Chancel Choir

Prelude: *Sanctuary* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship

Pastor: In the midst of the world's chaos,

People: we come to this place and find peace.

Pastor: When our minds are overwhelmed with what we see,

People: we come to this place and find hope.

Pastor: When our heart is heavy, with fear, with worry, with sorrow,

People: we come to this place and find strength.

Pastor: As we worship and pray together,

People: we come to this place to remember God's love for us.

*Hymn *Near to the Heart of God* UMH 472

*Opening 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 *Amazing Grace* Chancel Choir

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 29-39

Bruce Bartolain

Message

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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 mighty 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 *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread* UMH 613

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.

*Hymn *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service* UMH
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*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude: *As the Deer* June Shuffett