

**January 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

Worship Series: Powerful Gifts

Message: The Purpose and Power of Communion

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

\*Stand in body or in spirit

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Radiant God, You have revealed Your glory in Christ,  
and You have poured out gifts beyond measure—  
the gift of Your Son, the gift of salvation,  
the gift of bread and cup,  
the gift of life made new.**

**Yet we confess that we are not always good at receiving Your gifts.  
We turn away from Your light, preferring shadows we can control.  
We resist Your generosity, clinging to scarcity and fear.  
We come to Your table distracted,  
forgetting that here You feed us with grace and bind us together in love.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Teach us to open our hands and hearts.  
Help us to welcome Your gifts with joy,  
to share them freely with others,  
and to live as people who have tasted and seen that You are good. AMEN.**

### **Assurance and Pardon**

Leader: In Christ, the Light of the world,  
God's gifts are made known and God's mercy is sure.  
Receive the good news:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

**All: Glory to God. AMEN.**

### **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**