



~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are welcome to attend Sunday School, sit with their families, or at the prayer ground. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a [Prayer Ground](#) set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude *The Lord's My Shepherd (Brother James' Air)* arr. Shackley

Welcome and Community Connections

***Introit**

***Call to Worship**¹ (based on Exodus 24:12-18 NRSVue)

One: Come to me and wait. I will give you instructions and commandments in written form.

All: We come to you and we wait, to see and hear what you will say.

One: In days past, I wrote on stone tablets, but now I write my words upon you heart that you may teach them.

All: We offer our hearts to receive your words and what we learn, we'll teach others.

One: Heaven is open above you and the kin-dom is within you.

All: Wherever we go, the kin-dom comes.

*** Invocation**

God who invited Moses to come up the mountain to receive from you, we invite you to come among us. May we receive new insight from your Word. May we become more whole as we wait in confident expectation of the deepening of the love that is shared between us. Amen.

***Hymn**

We Worship You, God

NCH 26, vss 1-4

HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture

2 Peter 1:16-21

Special Music

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Message for All

Prayer of Jesus

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but

¹ Adapted from *Wait: Service Prayers for the sixth Sunday after Epiphany* written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, who serves as The Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Mystic in the making.

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

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School, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground*

Reflection

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the
comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at
608-438-6307. We will collect the petitions and read them during the
service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer
request you would like to remain private, you may email them to:
pastorkris@memorialucc.org and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org*

Offering: Extravagant Generosity

We respond to God's Word with our giving and gratitude

Offertory *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. David Angerman

Prayer of Dedication

**Patient One, receive these gifts of our hearts and hands that we could
joyfully give in response to your abundance in our own lives. May they
be used to meet the needs of those who have been waiting for relief.
Amen**

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out** *The God of Abraham Praise* NCH 24

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. John Carter

Worship Leaders: Linda Brant (Pianist), Bríghín Kane-Grade (Choral Director), Tiffani Roltgen (Message for All), and Pastor Kris Gorton

Readers: Merry Spangler and Ulrika Swanson

Usher: Steve Gorton

Media Room: Scott Oebser

Fellowship: Outreach Committee feat. Just Bakery

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QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Cathy Halpin at halpincjo@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org. You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at www.memorialucc.org.

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

Yigdal Elohim Chai

(The God of Abraham Praise)

Gen. 12:1; 17:15-16; Exod. 3:14; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 4:8

Moses Maimonides, 12th century

Versification attrib. to Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400

Transl. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1884; alt.

1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,
 1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,
 2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;
 3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;
 4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,

nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!
 God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.
 God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!

E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;
 Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand;
 All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;

The twelfth-century scholar Moses Maimonides drew up the thirteen articles of the Hebrew creed, which were subsequently cast in metrical form (the Yigdal). This translation represents an

Tune: LEONI 668.4.D.
 Traditional Yigdal melody
 Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770



ne - lam v'-gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!
deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.
who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

