

**Worship Participants**

Carol & Joe Hartmann, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett  
 Janet Carson, piano  
 Max Plank, saxophone  
 Rezound Handbell Ensemble  
 Hengyi Ye, accompanist  
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**11 am Worship**  
**March 15, 2026**

**United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

Today is UMCOR Sunday. Gifts given that day cover United Methodist Committee on Relief's administrative costs, allowing 100% of all other donations throughout the year to go directly to relief and recovery efforts around the world. You can donate today by using the QR code or write a check to the church and put in the memo "UMCOR Sunday"

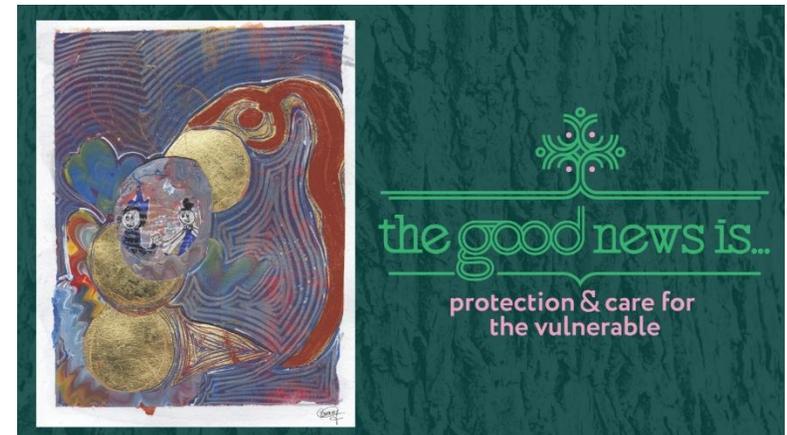


**Today**

Sunday	10:15 am	Confirmation
Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group
Tuesday	7 pm	Social Justice Action Team
		The Quiet Center
Wednesday	2:30 pm	Congregational Care Team
	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Question of the day:**

**I wonder: how can I create space  
 for someone to know they belong?**



**Scriptures: Deuteronomy 24: 17-22**  
**Matthew 19:13-15**

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

## Order of Worship

### Gathering Music

### Welcome

**All:** We are a vibrant, intentionally inclusive,  
justice-seeking faith community.

### Prelude

*Celtic Praise*

### Call to Worship

Leader: *God loves the tiny field mouse.*

**All:** God loves the birds in the air.

Leader: *God loves the baby making joyful sounds.*

**All:** God loves the child who rocks and claps.

Leader: *God loves people with wrinkled hands and gentle eyes.*

**All:** God loves the bumblebees and the soft furry cats.

Leader: *God loves those who walk, crawl, or roll.*

**All:** God loves the giant oak trees  
and the tall pine trees standing strong over us.

Leader: *God loves the young-at-heart, the curious,  
and the hopeful.*

**All:** God loves each one of us and all of creation.

Leader: *So let us worship our God of good news!*

**All:** Amen!

### Opening Hymn

*As Christ Has Welcomed Us*  
see next page

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Leader: *God said, "When a foreigner resides among you  
in your land, do not mistreat them."*

**All:** Holy God, we confess,  
we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Leader: *Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God."*

**All:** We confess, we have sometimes trusted in  
violence more than we have worked for peace

Leader: *God said, "When you gather the grapes  
of your vineyard, do not glean what is left;  
it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."*

**All:** We confess, we have not shared what we have  
and have not cared for our neighbors

Leader: *Jesus said, "Let the children come to me,  
and do not stop them."*

**All:** We confess, we have not always looked for the  
Spirit of God in children and youth.

Leader: *Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear,  
for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine."*

**All:** By God's grace, even when we mess up  
and fall short, we are forgiven, welcomed,  
and deeply loved.

Leader: *May this good news change our lives!*

**All:** Amen.

### Instrumental Anthem

*Jesus Loves Me*

### Message

### Response in Song

*Christ, You Spoke to Us of Children*  
see next page

### Invitation to Discipleship

### Pastoral Prayer

### Closing Hymn

*Here I Am, Lord*  
red hymnal #593

### Benediction

### Postlude

## **As Christ Has Welcomed Us**

Ruth Duck

### **Verse 1**

As Christ has welcomed us we welcome one and all  
To love O God as you have loved this is our gospel call

### **Verse 2**

Since Christ has offered us the riches of your grace  
So may we truly welcome all of ev'ry age and race

### **Verse 3**

Our children lead the way with welcome full and free  
They show us how to sing your song and live in harmony

### **Verse 4**

Our door is open wide our hands reach out in care  
Together lifting joys and tears to you O God in prayer

### **Verse 5**

O Spirit, shape our life that all may take their part  
That we may listen speak with care  
with open minds and hearts

## **Christ, You Spoke to Us of Children**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

### **Verse 1**

Christ you spoke to us of children  
Let the children come to me  
Do not stop them for the kin-dom  
Is for little ones like these  
God, we grieve now as our nation  
Fails its moral obligation  
To receive the refugees

### **Verse 4**

God of immigrant and stranger  
God who welcomes those in need  
When your children are in danger  
Will we love them or concede  
May we not seek cheap forgiveness  
Till we dare to work for justice —  
Till your little ones are freed

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