



FIRSTCHURCH
UNITED METHODIST

Human Relations Day

January 18, 2026

Order of Worship

Worship Assistants: (8) Tom Ault (10:30) Dianna Hodges

Prelude

Words of Welcome/Call to Worship

Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH 519

1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path thru' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who hast by thy might

led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee.
Shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Children's Moment (10:30)

Anthem (10:30)

"My Soul Cries Out"
Chancel Choir
Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director
Alasdair Ladd, piano
Pamela Garside-Meyers, flute

arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture

Revelation 1.17-20; 3.7-8,2

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the Holy One, the True One,

who has the key of David,

who opens and no one will shut,

who shuts and no one opens:

"I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door that no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

Message

"The Seven Churches and The Seven Letters"

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Prayers

Offering

Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH 428

1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
(pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
(hope increase) fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
(life's brief span) may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
(may find) earth its destiny may find.

Benediction

Postlude