

# Your Story, My Story—God's Story

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

**All:** Again we must confess, Great Spirit of the Universe,  
our struggles to be faithful disciples.  
Entrusted with all your gifts,  
we become fearful once again of misusing them.

missing the chance to be a blessing to others.  
Invited to dance in the light of your love,  
we stand against the wall once again,  
keeping company with our old friend, sin.  
Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life,  
we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make.  
Have mercy, Companioning God, have mercy on us.

### Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Brother. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and made whole. We are companioned and never left alone.

**All: Amen.**

### Anthem

#### **The Lone, Wild Bird**

Jessica Nelson

Instant Choir

### Children's Message

### Scripture

#### **Matthew 25:14-30**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

#### **One Life to Live**

Rev. Hopkins

### Prayer of the People

Rev. Hopkins

### Offering

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and click "Make your online offering."*

### Holy Communion

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

*In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life,  
together with their children, are invited to receive communion.*

♪ 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. 🎵**

*The pastor continues...*

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we 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! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 🎵**

*The pastor continues...*

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 pastor continues...*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**🎵 Amen. Amen. Amen. 🎵**

And now with the confidence of children of God,

let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

**Sending Forth**

**Hymn**

**Together We Serve**

**Benediction**

Rev. Hopkins

**Postlude**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

John Hughes  
arr. Mark Patterson

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Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Murky Men (United Methodist Men's group).

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