

Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church
Celebration of Worship

Prelude	Steve Hawkins
Welcome and Announcements	Gina Elrod
Opening Prayer	Phillip Gibson
Call to Worship	Buck Buchanan

Leader: The Lord says, “Take courage, all you people of the land, and work, for I am with you!”

People: We come, trusting in God’s promise and presence.

Leader: Once more, says the Lord, I will shake the heavens and the earth, and fill this house with glory.

People: The silver is the Lord’s, and the gold is the Lord’s—everything belongs to our God.

Leader: The glory of this present house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts.

People: In this place, God will grant peace.

Leader: So let us lift our hearts, our hands, and our voices in praise.

All: For the Spirit of the living God is with us—renewing, rebuilding, and restoring us in love.

Opening Hymn	Steve Hawkins
United Methodist Hymnal 152	
The Almighty Power of God	

Scripture Reading	Phillip Gibson
Haggai 1:15–2:9	

Special Music	Steve Hawkins
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Message	
God Is Not Done with Alexander Chapel	Phillip Gibson

Apostles Creed (UMH 881)	Sheri King
Glory Be to the Father (UMH 71)	Steve Hawkins

Prayers of the People

Sharon Buchanan

Leader: Almighty and Everlasting God, you called your people through the prophet Haggai to rise up, rebuild, and trust that your Spirit remains among them. Today, we lift our hearts to you, asking for courage and renewal in our time.

Response: Spirit of the Living God, dwell among us and make us strong.

Leader: For your Church throughout the world, and for this congregation of Alexander Chapel—renew in us the desire to be builders of your Kingdom. When our hearts grow weary, give us courage. When we doubt the value of our work, remind us that your glory fills even the smallest house built in love.

Response: God of hope, strengthen your Church and let your glory be seen among us.

Leader: For our community and all who labor for restoration and renewal—for teachers, caregivers, volunteers, and all who serve others quietly and faithfully. Bless the hands that rebuild and the hearts that mend what is broken.

Response: God of grace, bless our work and make it fruitful for your glory.

Leader: For those living with discouragement, loss, or fear—for the unemployed, the unhoused, and those whose plans have crumbled. Speak again your promise: “Be strong, for I am with you.” Let your presence be their peace.

Response: God of comfort, renew their strength and fill them with your peace.

Leader: For leaders in every nation and community—grant wisdom that seeks justice and humility that listens. May they build societies rooted in compassion, equity, and truth.

Response: God of justice, guide our leaders and teach us all your ways.

Leader: For those who are sick, grieving, or burdened in body, mind, or spirit—especially those we name now in the silence of our hearts...
(*Silence*) Let your healing Spirit flow like a fresh wind, bringing peace to the hurting and rest to the weary.

Response: *God of healing, surround them with your mercy and make them whole.*

Leader: For the saints who have gone before us—those who built with faith, prayed with perseverance, and served with love— we give you thanks. May their witness inspire us to continue the good work you have begun in us.

Response: *Faithful God, make us steadfast until your glory fills the earth.*

Leader: God of promise, your Word assures us that the glory of the new house will be greater than the former.

Teach us to trust your abundance, to give generously, and to labor with joy, knowing that you are with us always.

Response: *God of new beginnings, be our strength, our peace, and our song.*

Leader: Let us now say together the prayer Jesus taught us to say,

Response: *Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen*

Offertory Music	Steve Hawkins
Offertory Prayer	Phillip Gibson

Doxology	Steve Hawkins
United Methodist Hymnal 94	

Closing Hymn	Steve Hawkins
United Methodist Hymnal 526	
What a friend we have in Jesus	

Benediction	Phillip Gibson
Postlude	Steve Hawkins



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United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone

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