



## January 18, 2026 Human Relations Sunday

### **Prelude: Grace Notes      Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,  
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to  
follow Jesus Christ.

### **Remembering our Baptism      Tina Hernandez-Zudell**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Beloved of God, if you are weary, come. If your compassion feels thin and your hope feels frayed, come.  
**We come, trusting the One who hears our cry and lifts us up.**

The Holy One says, It is too small a thing to shrink our love and narrow our mercy.  
**We come to be enlarged by grace, made bold for justice, and steady in hope.**

The psalmist testifies, God set my feet upon a rock  
and put a new song in my mouth.  
**We come to sing a new song of courage, joy, and healing  
for our neighbors.**

Scripture assures us, you are not lacking in any spiritual gift.  
**We come as a gifted people, ready to serve, ready to learn, ready to be sent.**

Jesus says, Come and see. Come and see where  
Love is already at work.  
**We come and we will see. We will follow, we will speak,  
we will act.**

Let us worship the God who gathers us, heals us, and sends us.  
**With hearts open and voices strong, we worship and we go.**

**\*Hymn                      Shall We Gather at the River                      UMH 723**

**\*Hymn                      Swing Low, Sweet Chariot                      UMH 703**

**First Lesson                      Psalm 40:1-11                      CEB**

#### **Word for Children**

**Second Lesson                      John 1:29-42                      CEB**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit

coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son."

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?"

He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). He led him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

## **Message for the Lord's Day**

**Rev. Deborah Coble**

### **\*Response To The Word**

**Gloria Patri**

**UMH 70**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn**

**We Shall Overcome**

**UMH 533**

## **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer. After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come

from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,

and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,

and mission...

for peace and goodwill to all...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Mission And Ministry Moment**

### **Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. We come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us.**

**Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your love light shines. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn                      Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus                      UMH 514**

**\*Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
Amen.**