



# North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

**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**

**\*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.**

**\*Song**

**Come Just As You Are**

**\*Song**

**Amazing Grace**

**First Lesson**

**Psalm 40:1-11**

**CEB**

**Word for Children**

**Second Lesson**

**John 1:29-42**

**CEB**

**Message for the Lord's Day**

**Rev. Deborah Coble**

**Special Music**

**Holy Spirit**

**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...

its readers, its friends, and  
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

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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**Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen. 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.

### \*Benediction

Life is short and we have too little time.

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us**

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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.**