



I AM  
the  
LORD,

THAT IS MY NAME...

ISAIAH 42:8

## Order of Worship

*Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.*

January 18, 2026

10 AM

PRELUDE "Jerusalem My Happy Home" arr. Howard Helvey  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME Pastor Waldis

CHORAL INTROIT

### *Our Approach to God*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunder, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*HYMN "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer" #68

CHANCEL CHOIR "Give me Jesus" arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Waldis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**The Word of God**

\*HYMN "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" #467

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42: 1-9 p. 670 (OT)  
Matthew 3: 13-17 p. 3 (NT)  
Curtis Stock, Liturgist

SERMON "Rite of Passage" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

**Our Response to God**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #210

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE "Joy in My Soul" arr. Mark Hayes  
Amy Duran, piano  
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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Marilyn Hams; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ellen Michels; Craig Terjanian..

**UNITY PRAYER:** Praise God for Christ's unmatched, amazing, and revolutionary love for people. We pray the Holy Spirit moves in our hearts so that we may seek to love our neighbors like that.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Doug Bennington by the Bennington family.

**THIS WEEK**

Monday 11:00 Bibb Funeral  
Tuesday 1:00 Bell Choir  
Wednesday 9:00 HPBOE in FH  
Wednesday 7:00 Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH  
Thursday 7:00 Scouts in FH  
7:30 Chancel Choir

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

10:00—Worship, Puppet Club and Sunday School

**AN ELDERS MEETING** will be held after church next Sunday, January 25th. The meeting should be brief, thank you.

**A GAME NIGHT** will be held in Founders Halls on February 1<sup>st</sup> 4-6pm. It's geared toward kids but adults are welcome to attend also. Dinner will be served. Invite friends to share in the fun!

**PASTOR ZACH** will begin a Bible Study on the book of Matthew on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> following worship. He will also hold one in the evenings during the week based on interest. Please let him know what evenings might work.

**THE 2026 FLOWER CALENDAR** is on the bulletin board. Sign up to donate flowers for worship to memorialize a loved one or celebrate an occasion. The cost is \$25 per bouquet; make your checks payable to Guild for Christian Service; fill out a dedication slip; place it in the offering plate or on Lori's desk in the church office. Please—no more than 2 bouquets per Sunday.

**AS A REMINDER,** Upper Room and Words of Hope devotionals are available in the Narthex. Large print editions of the Upper Room are available also. Please help yourself.

**NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE** is available (free) in the church office. Please call ahead to make sure Lori is in the office.



**WE HAVE BEEN ASKED** if there was a way to donate using a QR code. Here it is. Scan the QR code printed here, and it will take you to our donation page on the Tithely app. Of course, you can continue to give by placing your checks in the offering plate. Or, you can instruct your bank to send checks weekly, monthly or annually.

Matthew 3: 13-17 Rite of Passage

Exegesis (Background)

- 1. It's not clear \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus needs baptism.
- 2. The Trinity is present at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Life Application

We all need the Holy Spirit to empower \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus invites us to live into our \_\_\_\_\_ humanity.



**Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!**

*We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.*

*Large print hymnals are available, as well as hearing assistive devices. Please speak to an usher.*

*Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.*

*It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.*

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