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Acolytes

Liliana Hagopian
Byron Hagopian



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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



February 8, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Piano and Organ: Terri Boykin

8:30 Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “How Firm A Foundation”

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who delight in the Lord!
We come to this place where generations before us have gathered
Here we remember the light of God that shines in our lives
Here we allow God’s light to shine through us
Let us worship our radiant God
Praise the Lord! Happy are we who delight in the Lord!

*Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH #139

*Opening Prayer

God of compassion and justice, the worship You choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then Your light shall break forth like the dawn and Your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship You not just with our words but with our hearts and lives. Glory and honor be to You, O God, creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus our Lord. Amen

*Passing the Peace

Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 David Johnson

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem “Stand Still” Windsong

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

Invitation to the Table

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song “Brighten the Corner Where You Are” Windsong

*Doxology UMH #94

*The Great Thanksgiving TFWS 2257

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction or by using prepackaged gluten-free elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand, and a pastor will bring communion to you.
After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, used primarily to assist the needy.*

Communion Song “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

*Hymn We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH #569

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “Go Forth for God” UMH #670

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy; to serve God’s people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

** Please stand as you are able.*

Windsong Musicians:

Angie Cooper

Dave Johnson

Rob Blackwell