Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 18, 2026

If you are new to the Friendship family and would like to share further in the life of the church, please complete the "Welcome" card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Please turn off the internet connection on your cell phones or place them in "Airplane Mode."

Gathering ***"This Is The Day"***
Greeting/Announcements

Call to Worship **from Psalm 40**

L: May all who seek the Lord
rejoice and be glad in our God;
P: ***may those who love salvation***
say continually, "Great is the Lord!"
L: As for us, we are poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought of us.
P: ***You are our help and our deliverer;***
do not delay, O God.
All: ***O come, let us worship the Lord.***

Opening Prayer **Shirley Waldrum**

***Hymn of Praise** **UMH #334**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

***Affirmation of Faith** **UMH #883**

All: ***"We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen."***

***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.

Scripture Reading **John 1:29-34**

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
P: ***Thanks be to God!***

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings **Linda Pease**

As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.

***The Doxology** **UMH # 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Children's Time

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
"Lord, hear our prayer."

Hymn of Celebration **UMH #166**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:
I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

Hymn of Preparation **UMH #158 (v.1)**

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Message **Rev. Spore**

"The Lamb of God"

Hymn of Discipleship **UMH #714**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

I know not why God's wondrous grace

to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:
But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.

I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.
(Refrain)

I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him.
(Refrain)

I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noonday fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.
(Refrain)

Benediction

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Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday
9:50 – Sunday School
11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, February 4
1:30 – Ministry Team

Tuesday, February 17
5:30 – Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday, February 18
6:00 – Ash Wednesday Worship

Worship Leaders
Rev. Roy Spore –Pastor
Shirley Waldrum – Music leader
Linda Pease –Pianist
Karen Spore – Technical Assistant
David Hartwig – Lay Reader

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