

**University UMC – Order of Worship**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany / Visioning Sunday**

**Centering Words:**

God is not a taskmaster keeping track of our good deeds.  
Rather, God intervenes boldly and relentlessly for the  
Purpose of life and the restoration of creation.

**Prelude:**

- Jilsca Oppier

**Processional**

**Songs and Hymns:**

- Tony Woolery / Leslie Kowalski

*\*Today we are giving the opportunity to our congregation to choose which song/hymn to sing, please raise your hand, and provide us the title and hymn number, so that we may share it on our screens.\**

**“Shout to the Lord” (TFWS 2074)**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you

Refrain:

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

**“Glorify Thy Name” (TFWS 2016)**

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
glorify thy name in all the earth.

**Gathering & Recognition of Guests:** - Dafry Nesamony

**Announcements:** - Dafry Nesamony

**DS Guest Preacher:** Please join us on **Sunday, January 28**, as we welcome District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee, to University UMC. Rev. Lee will be our guest preacher for the day, celebrating and consecrating the significant advancements we've made in our worship capabilities over the past year.

**Fencing Project:** Our fencing project is set to begin Tues. Jan. 30, 2024, please plan ahead if visiting the church during that week.

**Invitation to the Offering** - Dafry Nesamony

This is our time of offering, where we respond with gratitude to all that God has given us. Let us take a moment to consider what gifts we will bring and what commitments to action we will make this week.

### **Offering**

(\*) **Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**(UMH 95)** - Leslie Kowalski

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

**Offering Prayer** - Dafry Nesamony

**Restorer of divided hearts, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.**

(\*) **Scripture: Mark 1:14-20 (NRSVUE)** - Dafry Nesamony

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon: "The Time is Fulfilled"**

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

**Community Prayer**

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer in Unison**

**Dismissal into Fellowship Hall**

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

We are now inviting everyone to join us in Fellowship to continue our retreat. (*The candles are brought into the Fellowship Hall*)

**Small Groups**

**Lunch**

**Plenary**

(*At the end of the Retreat*)

(\*) **Closing Hymn: "Shalom to You" (UMH 666)**

- Leslie Kowalski

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

(\*) **Benediction**

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

The kingdom of God is near.

**We are called to action.**

The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

**We will take the word of grace into the world.**

Go, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone.

**We will spread the good news! Amen.**