

**The Order**  
**"Thinking of the Year"**

**"The Call to Worship"**

Let's sing to God,  
**For God is here.**  
Let's sing to God,  
**For God is here.**  
Let's sing and rejoice,  
**For here our souls are restored.**

**\*Open** "Gloria Me, O Thou Great Advent" UMH 127

**"The Opening Prayer"**

Ever-present God, Even as you are present with us this day, we yearn to feel your presence in our midst each and every day of our lives. Speak to us with words of grace. Renew yourself with the power of your love. Then pour us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace. In the name of your love, we pray. **Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Children's Message**

**Time of Sharing and Prayer**

Prayer and Concerns  
The Personal Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (UMH 88)

**\*Open** "Book of Ages, Climb for Me" UMH 201

**\*Prayer** Psalm 91 UMH 814

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patri** UMH 75

**The Recounting of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**  
**"The Offering"** UMH 85

**"The Prayer of Dedication:** Living God, through these gifts we now bring, help your world live. Loving God, through these gifts we now bring, help our world live. Renew this offering as you have nourished us with your merciful presence and your loving grace. **Amen.**

**The New Testament Reading –** Matthew 5:1-11 p. 1877

**The Gospel Reading –** John 4:1-12 p. 1888

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Message** "The Strangest People Are Called"

**\*Open** "A Charge To Keep I Have" UMH 473

**"The Charge and Blessing"**

Blessed by God's love and accomplished by Christ, our Living Word, we give from God's world with love. Go in peace. **Amen.**

**\*Response** "Bread for the Ye That feeds us" UMH 527

**"Thinking of the Trinity/Pentecost"**

"Please stand as you are able."