

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen

Prelude

Eric McKirdy

Invitation to Worship

Carol Pemberton

Holy Shaper of people and nations, you are beyond our knowing and yet closer than our breath.

**Like clay in a potter's hands, mold us into your people.**

Use the words, music, and prayers of this worship service to form us into your vessels.

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and use us to pour out your love into our world. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Shout to the Lord, TFWS 2074, sung twice

Scripture Lesson: Esther 3:8-13

Carol Pemberton

Message: Esther & King Xerxes

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Response Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past, UMH 117, verses 1-3

Pastoral Prayer (with The Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Come to Jesus

Lonna Capaci & Chaundra Carter

Closing Blessing

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May the God of all grace, who calls you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish, and strengthen you. Go into this week refreshed by the Holy Spirit and immersed in God's love.  
Amen.

Postlude