

## Order of Worship for January 4, 2026

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season,

**and a time for every matter under heaven:**

a time to be born, and a time to die;

**a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

**a time to break down, and a time to build up;**

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

**a time to mourn, and a time to dance;**

a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

**a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;**

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

**a time to keep, and a time to cast away;**

a time to rend, and a time to sew;

**a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;**

a time to love, and a time to hate;

**a time for war, and a time for peace.**

#### Hymn 247 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

**Prayer of Confession\*** [World Council of Churches]  
**Merciful God, your grace includes all and by your presence we are reconciled to one another. We confess that we are burdened by brokenness; there are many needs in our life, our community and world. Too often we ignore or fail to hear the cry of the stranger in need. Too often we are blinded by prejudice, busyness, or apathy. We disregard the rights of those who are hurting. Fear can make us turn our backs on those you want us to draw near to. We rejoice in the chance to begin again. Through your Spirit make us builders of hope and healing. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament** Jeremiah 31:7-14

**New Testament** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Sermon** "Who Is Our Hope?" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

### Offertory

### Doxology

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you have blessed us indeed. Let our life as a church community of faith become like a watered garden. May all who enter our midst flourish with new life. Help us to be generous as we share gifts from your bounty in our mission to neighbors here on Fishers Island, beyond our shores and around the world. Amen.**

#### Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*(Prayer continues.)* ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Prayer continues.)* ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

(Prayer continues.) ... Our Father who art in heaven...

## Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

## Benediction

## Postlude

\*Prayer adapted from the World Council of Churches chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclclefindmkaj/https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ZacTax\_Toolkit\_Web.pdf

### Church Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 4 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson will preach and lead the celebration of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome to worship God with us in person or via live stream and stay for refreshments.

Monday, Jan. 5 **Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, Jan. 6 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
You are invited to meet with us in the church Parlor or via Zoom for the Introduction to our new book *Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

**Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Tots and caregivers enjoy conversation, play time and snacks.

Saturday, Jan. 10 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 11 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome to worship God with us in person or via live stream and stay for conversation and refreshments.

**NOTE: Seed Workshop** Sunday, Jan. 18, 11:00 a.m. – noon  
Register by emailing Diana Fiske at [trughouse@comcast.net](mailto:trughouse@comcast.net).  
Please bring a plastic gallon milk jug or water jug.



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