



Worship Celebration
January 21, 2024

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WORSHIP GUIDE

Before you begin your time of worship, find a comfortable place to be and gather whatever you might need: your Bible, something to write on and with, your computer/connected device (if you intend to listen to music online), etc. Feel free to adapt this worship guide in any way that makes best sense to you and those you might be gathered with. (Consider inviting someone – a friend, a family member – to worship with you.) Commit to spending the next hour with God.

PRELUDE – Listen and sing along to a song or hymn that blesses and centers your spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you have created us for your purposes, and we give you thanks.

All: Christ, you set us free, and we give you our lives.

Leader: You call us out from our lives into your life.

All: You call us to follow you instead of our own ways.

Leader: Help us, Christ, to relinquish all things and follow you.

All: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN – “We Are Called” TFWS 2172 v. 1,2

SCRIPTURE READING – Jonah 3:1-5 & 10 and Mark 1:14-20 NRSVUE

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Mark 1:14-20

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” 16 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. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

SERMON – You can watch Pastor Akesa’s message [here](#).

ANTHEM OF RESPONSE – “When We Are Called to Sing your Praise” TFWS 2216

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE – *Spend time in prayer. What did you hear for yourself through today’s scripture and reflection? Talk to God about it. Then lift up the joys and concerns that are in your heart. You might write them down, speak them aloud, or pray for them in silence.*

We would be honored to pray with you and for you. Please send a note via text, mail, or email or give a call to our Healing Prayer Team.

Celebration of January Birthdays



Happy Birthday

PJ Tigas

Rafael Quezon

Stacy Sahagun

Pastor Don Cunningham

SHARING OUR GIFTS

How might you offer yourself and all that you have to God this week? How are you being invited to practice generosity? Spend a moment listening for God's direction.

You are invited to contribute financially towards the purpose and ministry of TTUMC. We are a congregation committed to being conduits of God's healing in our neighborhood and beyond, and in so doing, impact the last and the least. You can contribute by mailing in a check, dropping off cash, or giving online (visit <https://twintowersumc.org/give>).

Special Sunday Offering Human Relations Day

SPECIAL SUNDAY

He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35, CEB

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Through your generous gift today, you strengthen community outreach and empower youth development.

Please make check payable to your local church or give online at [UMC.org/SSGive](https://umc.org/SSGive).

CLOSING HYMN – “I Have Decided” TFWS 2129

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - “Shalom to You” UMH 666

NOW GO AND PASS CHRIST'S PEACE!

Announcements and Invitations

NEED HELP WITH GROCERIES?

Everyone needs a little help now and then.
When you do, we're here.

To learn more go to:
www.alamedafoodbank.org/get-food
or scan the QR code below.



Whether you need help once a week,
once a month, or once a year, long term
or short term, we're here for you
with healthy and nutritious food.



*Share the
invitation*



Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday
5:00 p.m.

AFF4C, MECA and Japanese American Families for Justice present

STORY TIME + DISCUSSION

Saturday January 27th 10am

Space limited, please RSVP: tinyurl.com/teachfam



Hannah Moushabeck is a second-generation Palestinian American author, editor, and book marketer. She is the author of *Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine* (Chronicle Books, March 2023).

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STORY TIME + POTLUCK

Featuring **Hannah Moushabeck**
author of *Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine*



Saturday January 27th

Buena Vista United Methodist Church in Alameda

10am-12pm Virtual story time + in person discussion, activities for families & kids*

*Space limited, please RSVP: tinyurl.com/teachfam

12pm-2pm AFF4C meet-up + potluck

Bring a dish to share & meet neighbors working towards a liberated Palestine!



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Volunteers Needed for December Dine & Connect Monday, February 5



Help us prepare and serve
135 meals for our
neighbors!

Shifts:

12 p.m.- 4 p.m. - Cooking & Plating
4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Serving & Cleaning Up

Sign-up to help us prepare and serve 135 meals for our neighbors: [DandC Volunteer Sign Up.docx](#)

**Alameda Warming Shelter
at Twin Towers UMC Church Gym**

February 19 – March 2

