

**Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence**

**Prelude**

**Jean Okuye**

**GREETINGS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am

**Opening Prayer:** From our mother's womb you have known us, O God. You call us to follow you through all our days and seek us even when we wander. As we advance in years, clothe us with your love, that we may grow in grace and find favor in your sight, through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in the house of the Lord. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**People: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. Happy are they who dwell in your house! Continually they praise you. Happy the men whose strength you are! Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.**

**All: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. O Lord of hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob! O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn: Amazing Grace v 1-3, 5&6** **UMH#378**

**TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Pastor Kalo**

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

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

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**"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people." Matthew 25:35,36,40**

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 and ever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**UMH#95**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN; We Are the Church v 1-5**

**UMH#558**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 2:41-52**

**Message: "Looking for Jesus"**

**\*HYMN; Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God v 1,2** **UMH#405**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

<sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day December 29, 2024**

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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