

Worship Guide February 22, 2026

**GATHERING**

**Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

**Many: We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.**

Pastor: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**Many: We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy.**

**All: Let us worship God together!**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Song – LYH #85 “Thy Word” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**(Note: people do not stand during the candle lighting)**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,

Please be near me, to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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**Presenting the Word**

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.

**All: It stands firm in the heavens forever!” Psalm 119:89**

(Bible is walked to the table)

**Song - PH #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines” Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

V1 – Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

**Leader: Please be seated**

**Confession and Pardon          Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Confession of Sin

Leader: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

**All: Merciful One,  
we are so easily tempted.  
We turn away from your word so quickly.  
We seek anything that claims to save us  
from discomfort, inconvenience, pain,  
fear, and emptiness.  
But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.  
You are our true hope and salvation,  
our hiding place, our guide, our guardian.  
We confess that we have sinned against you.  
Forgive us of our sins, God.  
Create clean hearts in us.  
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

**Assurance of Pardon          Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Leader: Children of God, be glad and rejoice! God does not count our sins  
against us, but offers a free gift of righteousness!

**Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given the  
strength to continue in the ways of the Lord! Amen.**

**Doxology PH #609          Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" - Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader:** Will the children come forward for the blessing

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.

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(repeat)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

### **OFFERING**

Invitation to Offering

**Worship Assistant Chawezi**

(WA to ask people to return to seats as needed before starting)

Leader: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,*

*The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)*

Bread and Cup

Leader: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)

Leader: Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

Presentation of tithes and offerings

**Song LYH #61 "Change My Heart, O God"**

**Worship Leader Emmanuel**

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

(Congregation goes forward to give offerings)

You are the potter, I am the clay,  
Mold me and make me, that is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

(Repeat from "You are the potter..." as led)

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Chawezi** (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

## THE WORD

**Story Time:** Remote Control (Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11)

**Song - PH #621 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"          Worship Leader Emmanuel**

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

I will call upon the Lord,  
Who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,  
And the God of my salvation be exalted.  
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,  
And the God of my salvation be exalted.

(Repeat song)

(Children leave during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayer for Illumination      **Pastor Andrew**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Our scripture today is Matthew 4:1-11. After the text is being read, we  
will take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

**Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11**

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. **2** He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

**5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

**7** Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

**8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, **9** and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

**11** Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Now, let us sit quietly and open our hearts to God's word and spirit as we reflect on the word; in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

**Silent Meditation**

**Sermon "Temptation, Testing, and Real Life" Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine**

**Song - PH #100 "My Soul Cries Out" Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

V1 – My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
And my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

V2 – Thought I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
To the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
And to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
For the world is about to turn.

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

**Confession of Faith Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Leader: Please remain standing as we confess our faith:

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance  
of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
so in the same way and with the same seriousness  
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.  
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world  
for a free, grateful service to God's creatures.  
We reject the false doctrine,  
as though there were areas of our life  
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,  
but to other lords—  
areas in which we would not need justification  
and sanctification through Christ.**

**Leader: You may be seated.**

Prayers of the People **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

**Song LYH #99 "Center of My Life"                      Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

O Lord, you are the center of my life:  
I will always praise you,  
I will always serve you,  
I will always keep you in my sight.

(Repeat song)

**Leader: You may be seated.**

**COMMUNION** Led by Pastor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary  
and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.  
Let us remember that the table is not a right bestowed upon the worthy,  
but a privilege given to the undeserving.  
Christ invites all to his table.

This table helps us to strive for authenticity in all aspects of our lives,  
and helps us to seek to live in peace with each other and our communities.

#### Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: God, creator of the universe,  
it is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God:  
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.  
Our of chaos you bring order and care.  
You breathe life into our weary lungs.  
Even from our depths, you remain steadfast.  
You love us not in spite of our sins, but regardless of them.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heave,  
we praise your name and join their unending refrain:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ, Holy are you, and  
blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,  
who redeems us all.

He welcomed those deemed strangers,  
and he challenged the status quo.

He delivered, fed, and cared for those whom society ignored.

When the time came, he took up his cross  
and died that we might live a new life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,

we break bread and share one cup,  
giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ  
and offering ourselves to live for him  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and of the vine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be his body for the world.  
redeemed and restored.  
By your Spirit make us one with him,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until we feast with him in glory.  
All thanks and praise to you, O triune God,  
now and forever.  
**All: Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

Pastor:

God, we give you thanks that on the night of his arrest

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.  
Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes.  
With thanksgiving, let us offer God all that we are.  
Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

#### Communion of the People

Pastor:

The table is set. Our savior joyfully awaits.

After the deacons come forward to serve, please, come to the table!

(Explanation of intinction, individual serving cups if preferred. Deacons will note any who want cups or who need to be served in their seats.)

(Musical Interlude)

#### Prayer after Communion

Pastor: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

**All: Send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### SENDING

##### Charge and Blessing Pastor Andrew

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction

(Pastor returns to pew)

**Song - LYH #151 "Come, Spirit, Come"      Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)**

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell here among us.  
We need your power, your healing grace.  
Show us your favor, grant us your presence  
As you have promised, come, Spirit, come.  
(Repeat verse)

Come, rushing wind, come holy fire,  
Here and now descend.  
O breath of God, O perfect peace, revive us once again.

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell here among us.  
We need your power, your healing grace.  
Show us your favor, grant us your presence  
As you have promised, come, Spirit, come.  
As you have promised, come, Spirit, come.

**(Pastor recesses down from aisle during song)**

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