

# Order of Service at the United Reformed Church

## February 1, 2026 9:30 a.m.

### APPROACHING GOD

Prelude                    *Andantino (Interlude)*                    Chauver  
(A time of silence to prepare our hearts to worship; please silence your cell phone)

Word for 2026: **Practice**.

**People:** May we practice becoming. (Pause. Breathe. Begin worship.)

Salutation

Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Call to Worship

Come, all who are weary—  
not only from labor,  
but from carrying what never should have been normal.

**We come longing for rest that restores.**

Come, all who have been told,  
“That’s just how it is.”

**We come trusting that God can interrupt  
what we thought could not change.**

Come, for Jesus is still revealing  
what has always been true.

**We are ready to see.**

\*Opening Hymn (#264 Red LUYH Book)

Lift High The Cross

Call to Confession

Holy and Living God, we confess that we have learned how to live with harm. We have adjusted to what bent people down. We have accepted delay as wisdom. We have called silence peace. What should have troubled us became familiar. So we come now—not to defend ourselves, but to tell the truth.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that our practices have not always reflected Your heart. We have repeated what was familiar instead of what was faithful. We have protected routines instead of people. We have watched suffering and told ourselves it was not our place to interrupt. Forgive us for confusing order with holiness, and patience with love. Unbind us—from fear, from habit, from anything that keeps us from choosing life. Form us again into a people who practice freedom. Amen. (a moment for silent confession)

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God does not accept “That’s just how it is.” In Jesus, what is bent is lifted, what is bound is released, and what has been normalized is named and healed. You are forgiven. You are freed. You are being formed anew.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation (#581 Red LUYH Book)  
*Please Remain Seated*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

**Luke 6:1-11 & 13: 10-17**

The Word of God, for the People of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

When Jesus Interrupts “That’s Just How It Is”

### RESPONDING TO GOD

Offertory

\*Doxology

Tune (Old Hundreth)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith

Communion Hymn (#166 Red Praise Book)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Prayer, Prayers of The People (Insert) and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn (#123 Blue Book)

We Remember You (Sung Twice)

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Every Year the Christ Child Comes to Earth*

setting: Beck

## Our Invitation

Welcome to United Reformed Church! As we join together in prayer, song, and praise to God, we pray that the blessings and fellowship you find here will enrich your life. *If you are physically able, an asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to stand.*

**Bold text** signifies opportunities for the congregation to read and respond responsively.

**Pastor Office Hours: Wednesday 5-7 PM; Sunday 10:30 AM-12:30 PM**

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