



**The United Methodist Church of Hyde Park**  
**Welcome to Worship!**  
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### **Gathering**

Gathering music provided by

Word of Truth Radio:

<https://www.wordoftruthradio.com/>

### **Welcome to Worship**

Give ear to God's teaching.

**We gather to hear the stories of our ancestors.**

Incline your ears to parables and dark sayings of old.

**We come seeking stories  
of God's wondrous power.**

Tell the coming generations of God's glorious deeds.

**We will not hide them from our children.**

Come to the fount of living water.

**We will drink deeply from the waters of life.**

**Taste the wellspring of our salvation.**

**We gather to worship as people reborn.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Holy Mystery, the stories of our ancestors  
touch us as dark sayings of old.

Help us behold truths in their stories,  
we are frightened to see in our own.

Open our eyes to see your presence  
amidst their hopes and fears.

Open our hearts to the courage it takes  
to assume leadership in our communities,  
while remaining your faithful followers.

Open our minds to perceive hope  
in the midst of despair.

We believe, Great Spirit.

Help our unbelief.

### **Scriptures—**

#### **John 10:1-5**

John 10:1 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own

sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

Our first song for the morning is "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing".

### **Song of Worship**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing". [https://youtu.be/ax\\_NMWLEb6U](https://youtu.be/ax_NMWLEb6U)

### **Message**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*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 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.  
Amen.*

### **Words of Encouragement**

### **Hymn of Praise**

"He Is Exalted" <https://youtu.be/vUq4QDrtEjY>

### **Blessing**

Go to share encouragement in Christ.  
Go to offer consolation in love.  
Go to spread the gifts of the Spirit.  
Go to make God's joy complete.  
Do these things and you will truly live.  
In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN.

### **Sending Forth Praise**