

## FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ORDER OF WORSHIP

### I. PRELUDE: Robin Wohlfeil

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### II. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER: Ed Marek & Pastor Nikki

#### A. Welcome

Ed welcomes everyone and introduces himself a ruling elder at DPC, I'm also a member of Scouts BSA Troop 49. Today's service will also be celebrating Scout Sunday and acknowledge Troop 49 scouts and scouters in attendance.

#### B. Announcements

Ed points out pertinent announcements in the bulletin. He opens the floor for additional announcements.

#### C. Opening Prayer

Now, as we begin our worship service, let us pray: Holy God, we come before You with thankful hearts, grateful for this opportunity to gather in Your name. We invite Your Holy Spirit to fill this place, guiding our thoughts, words, and actions. May Your wisdom lead our discussions, and may our hearts be united in purpose.

Amen

### III. CALL TO WORSHIP: Star Scout Maya Gillman

One: Lord, your graciousness is always to be trusted.

**All: Help us to be disciples who are loyal and true.**

One: Lord, you are an ever-present help to all who seek you.

**All: Help us to reach out in friendship and courtesy with the good news of your love.**

One: Lord, your kindness extends to all generations.

**All: Help us to be obedient and cheerful followers in the paths where you lead us.**

One: Lord, not wanting or wasting you rule the world in power and might

**All: Give us the courage to be your people in a lost and broken world. Give us hearts that are clean and pure with your love. Give us a true reverence for you, O God of all that is.**

One: And let us continue to worship together, singing hymn #701- Lord, Prepare Me.

IV. OPENING SONG: Robin

**701- Lord, Prepare Me**

V. CONFESSION & ASSURANCE: Scoutmaster Gregg Gillman

A. Call to Confession

Please be seated. Friends, let us now confess that we have not always met our obligation to make the world a safe place for all people. We have disappointed God and ourselves and fallen short of God's command to overcome hatred with love. Therefore, in humble submission, let us ask God's forgiveness and to be renewed in energy and enthusiasm for the building of God's Kingdom on earth.

Please join me in the prayer of confession as it appears in your bulletin.

B. Prayer of Confession - Pastor Nikki

One: Lord, we have been about the daily business of our lives,

**All: And have failed to notice the many ways in which you bless us.**

One: We have taken credit for the gifts you give us,

**All: As if they were by our own efforts.**

One: We have ignored the miracles in our midst.

**All: Help us, dear Lord, to be a people with eyes to see and ears to hear you at work, in our own hearts, and in your world. And hear us now as we silently pray before you. Amen.**

*PAUSE 30-60 SECONDS FOR SILENT CONFESSION*

C. Assurance of Pardon

One: Our hope is in the name of our Lord. Thanks be for the love of our savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we find peace, joy, and forgiveness. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

VI. PASSING OF THE PEACE: Pastor Nikki

One: The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Now, let us share a sign of God's peace with each other.

VII. SONG OF PRAISE: Robin

**227- Jesus Remember Me**

VIII. FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: First Class Scout Mckenzie Meyer

A. Prayer for Illumination

Please be seated. Now, as we prepare to hear a word from God, let us pray together: Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Jesus has called us; through Christ our Lord. Amen

B. Scripture Reading - Second Class Scout Micah Meyer

Our first scripture reading this morning is Psalm 119 and verses 33-40

Listen to God's Word for you:

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,  
that I may follow it to the end.

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law  
and obey it with all my heart.

<sup>35</sup> Direct me in the path of your commands,  
for there I find delight.

<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart toward your statutes  
and not toward selfish gain.

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from worthless things  
preserve my life according to your word.

<sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

<sup>39</sup> Take away the disgrace I dread,  
for your laws are good.

<sup>40</sup> How I long for your precepts  
In your righteousness preserve my life.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

IX. SPECIAL MUSIC: Robin

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X. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ed Marek

Our second scripture reading is from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 4 and verses 1-11. Hear God's Word for you:

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

XI. MESSAGE: Ed Marek

INSERT MESSAGE HERE

One: “Please rise in body or in spirit and join in our song of response, hymn #783- When We Are Tested. It will be sung to a more familiar tune than what is found in the hymnal.

XII. SONG OF RESPOSNE: Robin

**#783- When We Are Tested (to the tune of Be Thou My Vision)**

XIII. GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

A. Call to Bring Our Gifts: Ed Marek

Now, let us continue to respond to God’s Word by bringing our tithes and our offerings:

B. Song of Thanks: Robin

**Doxology**

C. Prayer of Thanks: Star Scout Levi Harris

Please join me in prayer over our offerings: Gracious God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, accept the offering of our gifts this day, as a symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name.

Help us in Your name to live and be; trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Amen.

#### XIV. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER: Ed Marek

“Please be seated” We will have two times of prayer, first we will share our joys where we will respond “Thanks be to you oh God” and then afterwards for our concerns we will respond “Lord in your mercy hear our prayers.”

Holy God, we come before you in prayer, lifting to you the joys and concerns, the hopes and dreams of our lives. May we also be open to your voice in our lives that we may see with new eyes, and hear with new ears, the direction you will have us to go.

Loving Creator, you are the source of our being. It was you who formed us, named us, and first loved us with a love that is beyond even our imagination. On our best days and on our worst days, you claim us as your own and treasure us like an adoring parent treasures their child. You know our needs and our prayers even before we utter them, and yet we find comfort in knowing that we can bring our hearts and our lives into your presence and express ourselves with whatever words and whatever ways we can use. We share with you such wonderful joys in our hearts, we share the perfection you have created the perfection that we have found through you. GOD, WE ARE ESPECIALLY THANKFUL FOR THOSE THINGS WE LIFT TO YOU NOW... (respond “Thanks be to you oh God”)

Hear our prayers for those whose lives have touched us, those who are in pain, those who are ill, those who grieve. May we touch their lives not only through our prayers, but through our lives and actions as well. We have brought with us our prayers and our concerns before you. There are so many and at time they feel so heavy. We thank you for the opportunity to lay them

down, to place them in your care and to rest. In the midst of strange and difficult times, it often seems hard to find joy and rest. And yet we know that you continue to move in this world and in our lives, offering us glimmers of hope, joyful surprises and energizing moments of goodness, mercy and compassion. In the midst of challenging times, we want to give you thanks for the celebrations that continue to happen in our lives, the places where we experience your presence in tangible ways, the faces that remind us of Christ's spirit is still present in those around us.

AND WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR... (respond "Lord in your mercy hear our prayers.")

Guide us, bless us, uplift us, and hold us, for we are your children called to our purpose in your world. Hear our prayers, those spoken and those hidden in our hearts. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, the one who taught us to pray, using these words:

**Our Father...**

Now, please rise in body or spirit and join in our sending song, hymn #710 – We Lift Our Voices.

XV. SENDING SONG: Robin

**710- We Lift Our Voices**

XVI. CLOSING PRAYER: Ed Marek & Pastor Nikki

One: Heavenly Father, thank You for the blessing of this worship. As we go from this place, may we continue to know Your presence in the different lives that we lead, to Your praise and glory. May Your word be in our hearts, on our lips, and in our actions, and know that we are always in cheerful service to others. Amen

XVII. POSTLUDE: Robin

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