

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 11, 2026

*Continuing God's Story Together*

“Let this little message be but a reminder,  
and I will continue with the story.”  
2 Maccabees 6:17

**Worship Participants**

Deacon: Cheryl Johnson  
Welcomers: Merry Sue Ahlgren, Rebecca  
Rosenstwig  
Reader: Diane Ranney  
Announcer: Rebecca Rosensweig

**Prelude***A House built for wanderers***Welcome****Rev. Steve Youd****Opening Song***Ubi Caritas***First Church Choir****Opening Prayer (unison)**

O God, Giver of all good gifts,  
we thank You for life, for love, for You.

**Deacon**

We acknowledge, O God,  
that to some extent,  
we ARE all wanderers.

And as such, we defer to You  
for guidance, for direction, for purpose.

We thank You for your Leadership.

We especially thank You for the TYPE of leader You are:  
a Leader rooted in love and humility.

May we seek to follow Your lead.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Song***Humble King***Scripture:****1 Samuel 8:1-9 (NRSVUE)****Diane Ranney**

**Today's reading is from 1 Samuel chapter 8:**

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second was Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

**May God bless this reading and our understanding.**

**God's Stories**

**Kristie Orr**

**Message for All Ages**

**Chelsey Helmke**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Steve Youd**

**Song**

*When He Reigns*

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Steve Youd**

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,  
who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen**

**Offering**

Invitation

Song

*The Kingdom Is Yours*

Dedication

**Send Forth Song**

*Mighty To Save*

**Benediction**

**Rev. Steve Youd**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**