

**Order of the Worship Service
January 18, 2025, 10:00am
Praise and Family Sunday
John Welton, preaching**

Choral Prelude

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN; THIS IS THE DAY
Praise Band, Altee Beam, director

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

**All: Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong
but walk in his ways.**

One: With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.

**All: I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.**

One: I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.

**All: I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

*Opening Song

HOLY FOREVER

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God,
we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places
where we are confronted with our true selves.
The places where we are tempted to put worldly values
before our desire for you,
and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater
than our hunger for seeking and doing your will
save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation.
So strengthen us with your Spirit during this season
that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did.
This we pray in his name...**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

**All: In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope,
God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation STARS

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

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Blessing