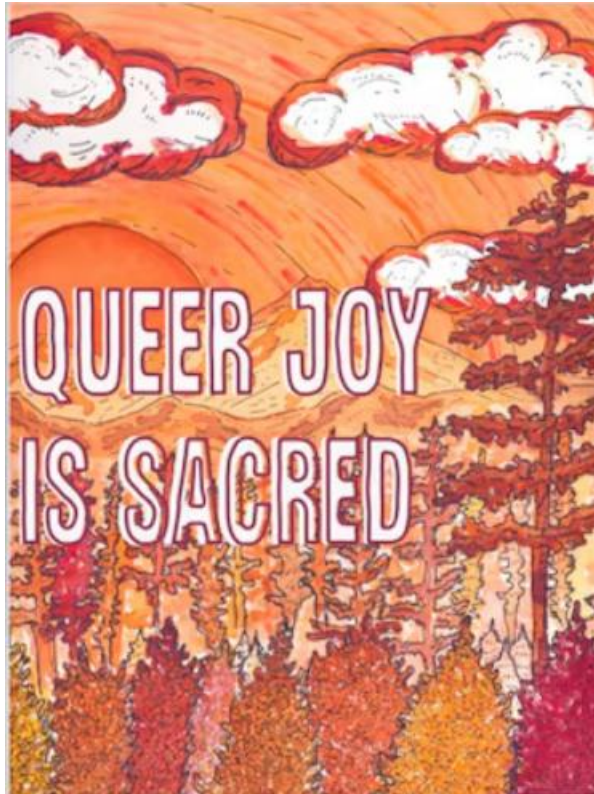


**Reconciling in Christ Sunday**  
**January 25, 2026**



**Mount Tabor Lutheran Church**



## Welcome to Our Service

**Our mission at Mount Tabor** is to be “an inclusive, compassionate faith community living God’s love in the world.” Mount Tabor is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation of the ELCA. This means that all are welcome and affirmed, especially our LGBTQ+ siblings, and that we are connected to the world. We all have a place here at God’s round table just as we are!

**If this is your first time here, a special welcome to you!** We are mask optional and mask friendly. Please sign the guest register in the narthex (along with your e-mail and cell) so we can be in touch, put on a name tag, and join us for refreshments after the service.

**The twelve parking slots on the north side of the parking lot** have been leased to students living in Unite Student Living for their use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **The slots are numbered 1 to 12. Do not park in these slots as your vehicle may be towed. All other spots** – aside from handicap spaces – **are also rented between 9pm-9am.** Please plan accordingly.

**Holy Communion is open to all.** Children of all ages are invited to receive communion with their parents’ or guardians’ permission. Come when you are ready. Gluten-free bread is available. If you would like a blessing, come to the altar with your arms folded.

**Children are always welcome** in the sanctuary. We are blessed to be part of their faith formation through worship!

**Prayer slips** are available from the ushers. Write your prayers and then leave them in the offering plates to be added to the prayer chain around the altar.  
**Please turn off cell phones** in the sanctuary before worship begins.

**You may add names to the prayer list** by sending a request to Kristin Jensen ([office@mttaborslc.org](mailto:office@mttaborslc.org)), or Pastor Christine ([pastor@mttaborslc.org](mailto:pastor@mttaborslc.org)). Names added to the prayer list will remain there for one month. You may request that they stay on longer or come off sooner by contacting the same people.

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**Liturgy - ELW Setting 10**

\*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

**Greeting & Preparation for Worship**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as the People of God.*

**Prelude**

David Kime

**\* Gathering with Land Acknowledgement**

Created out of nothing,  
**We come here to be reminded of who we are.**

Created for goodness,  
**We come with open hearts to be filled with everlasting love.**

Created as a beloved child of God,  
**We come in celebration of the diversity of the body of Christ.**

Created with a heart for celebrating the rich diversity of creation, we come trusting in the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us as we acknowledge and honor the Ute, Paiute, Shoshone, and Goshute peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

**As we live into the diversity that God has created, may we be bold to tell the whole story, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be.**  
**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Water is life. Our bodies need water. This community needs water to be resilient and flourish. Plants and animals need water. Water is essential for all of life on this planet to thrive and flourish.

**We need water for drinking, for washing, for cooking, for cleaning, for refreshing. Water sustains our lives, and water enhances our lives. Every day of our lives includes multiple uses of water.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of water and for baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for this water that comes to us as a gift from our Creator, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.**

Let us fill this font with water – water from our homes, water from nearby lakes and rivers, creeks and streams – water upon which all living creatures depend and that nourishes all of life on this planet. As we sing, you are invited to bring forward your water to pour into this font. We, though many, are one in the unity of God's love for us and for all the world. Water is life.



**Song****Shall We Gather at the River****ELW 423**

- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

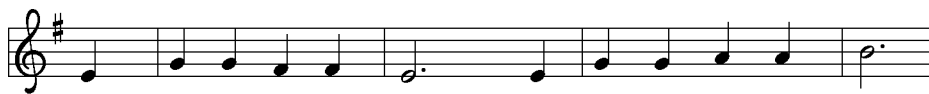
O God, may we live as careful stewards, guardians of this precious gift,  
protectors of the health of this planet, builders of resilient communities, and  
cultivators of life-giving relationships that promote peace and unity.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

**Kyrie**

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Song of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song*

### First Reading

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won't be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later God glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor. Word of God, Word of Freedom.

**Praise be to God.**

### Special Music

What a Wonderful World

by Luis Armstrong

Shem Greenwood & Kylie Jones-Greenwood

### Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?

**I have asked one thing from the Lord— it's all I seek:**

**to live in the Lord's house all the days of my life, seeing your beauty and constantly adoring your temple.**

Because you will shelter me in your own dwelling during troubling times;  
you will hide me in a secret place in your own tent;  
you will set me up high, safe on a rock.

**Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,**

**and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent— sacrifices with shouts of joy!**

**I will sing and praise the Lord. Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—  
have mercy on me and answer me!**



Come, my heart says, seek God's face.  
Lord, I do seek your face! Please don't hide it from me!  
Don't push your servant aside angrily— you have been my help!  
**God who saves me, don't neglect me!**  
**Don't leave me all alone!**

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Creator has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world did not recognize God, it does not recognize us. Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when God appears we will be like God because we'll see God as God is.

Word of God, Word of Freedom.

**Praise be to God.**

## Children's Message

Kylie Jones-Greenwood

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

The Word made flesh dwells among us.

**Full of grace and truth.**

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in the shadow of death. From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee, their father, repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ

**Praise to you, Word of life!**

### **Message**

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street

*A time of silence follows the sermon for reflection on the message.*

### **\*Hymn of the Day**

Will You Come and Follow Me

**ELW 798**

### **Proclaiming Our Faith**

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith.

**We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end.  
Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**At this time, you may fill out prayer slips so that they may be added to our prayer chain and leave them in the offering plates during the passing of the peace or when you leave.**

**Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Creator in prayer.  
A brief silence.**

**We pray for our ...  
Spirit, intercede for us,  
Send wholeness to our church.**

**We pray for the ...  
Spirit, intercede for us,  
Send wholeness to our Earth.**

**We pray for our ...  
Spirit, intercede for us,  
Send wholeness to the nations.**

**We pray for people ...**

Spirit, intercede for us,  
**Send wholeness to your children.**

We pray that ...  
Spirit, intercede for us,  
**Send wholeness to us.**

We pray for all those ...  
Spirit, intercede for us,  
**Send wholeness to their lives.**

We pray now for our friends and family who we name before you aloud or within our hearts:

We remember in prayer. . . . .

Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery  
William Simpson  
Brenda Wardle  
Charlie Clapp  
Pierre Pearson

Janis Knight  
Coni Hampton  
Joe McGuire & Family  
Linda Poe

Family and Friends of Stephanie Wilson during this time of grief and sorrow.

Spirit, intercede for us,  
**Send wholeness to our hearts.**

We pray for LGBTQIA+ saints...  
Spirit, intercede for us,  
**Send wholeness to this community of Queer people and allies.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom.  
**Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

In this community, we honor the sacredness of each person and their body by asking for consent. We honor one another in our greeting, passing of the peace, and building relationships. Possible questions to ask as we encounter each other during the passing of the peace: Would you like a hug? Would you like a handshake or a fist bump? Would you like a verbal greeting?

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always!

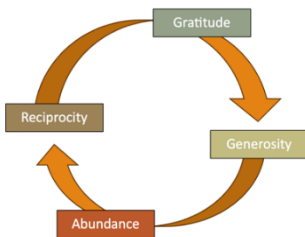
## And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace, respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors.

## MEAL

*God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Sharing our Gifts and Gratitude



### The Giving Cycle of Gratitude > Generosity > Abundance > Reciprocity

*Living with reciprocity means creating a consistent flow of giving and receiving, not only in relationships but also with nature and community. A reciprocity plan formalizes this practice, making it intentional and actionable.*

~ Robin Wall Kimmerer

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- Offering plates located at the doors of the sanctuary.
- eGiving online using a credit card or ACH. Visit: <https://mttaborslc.org/give> or contact [office@mttaborslc.org](mailto:office@mttaborslc.org) for more information.



## Prayer of Gratitude

Let us pray,

**O God, from nothing you created not only us as your beloved children but everything we would need to have an abundant life. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity you have blessed us with. Fill us with what we need and help us to recognize that there is more than enough for all as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

**The table is prepared as the assembly sings:**

### Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Table Prayer**

It is indeed right... to gather us close to you.

### **Words of Institution**

Who, on the night ... Now and always.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver, Source of all that shall be. Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven; May the hallowing of your name echo through the Universe! May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! May your heavenly will be done by all created beings! May your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hope and may it come on earth.**

**With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love. Now and forever, now and forevermore. Amen.** \*New Zealand Prayer Book

### **Invitation to Communion**

**The Distribution** *Come when you are ready, children are always welcome!*

## Communion Song

### The Welcome Table

ACS 969



- 1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



- I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



- I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
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I'm goin' - a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

## \*Post Communion Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

**Jesus our friend and savior, your life, death, and resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the**



**building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people.  
Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World.*

**Our Life Together (pg.20)**

**\*Blessing & Benediction**

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us,

God's love sustain us, and

God's peace inspire us and grant us peace.

May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated.

**Amen.**

# Sending Song

# Love has Brought Us Together

ACS 1040



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,  
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

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<b>RIC Sunday:</b>	<b>January 25, 2026</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Jenny Jensen
<b>Lector:</b>	Dan Wall
<b>Usher:</b>	Casey White
<b>Counters:</b>	Chris Jensen / Steven Baker
<b>Greeter:</b>	Steven Baker
<b>Altar Ministry:</b>	Becki Kaiser
<b>AV Technicians:</b>	Duane Lee, Lee Kreutzer
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Christine Higuera-Street
<b>Music Minister:</b>	Bob Brown
<b>Guest Organist:</b>	David Kime
<b>Administrative Assistant:</b>	Kristin Jensen

### **About the Artist**

Our cover picture is by Aliza Shapiro (they/them) who is a queer & nonbinary Ashkenazi Jewish artist. Their artwork focus is illuminating the little magic in those slow moments + places between. They believe the natural world is an inherently queer and expansive place, and draw inspiration from Jewish spirituality its many mystical, earth-based forms. Check out their shop at: [Jewish & Queer Nature Art — Little Magic Everywhere](#)

## Life Together Announcements

**All announcements must be approved by pastor or the council president before sharing with the congregation.**

**Thank you, David Kime** for being with us today as our guest organist.

**Today at 10:30am, Mount Tabor will celebrate Reconciling in Christ Sunday.** In worship, we'll reflect on God's ministry of reconciliation and renew our commitment to inclusion, justice, and grace—especially alongside our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our service will include celebratory songs of acceptance and praise, lifting up the joy and belovedness at the heart of God's welcome. ***Following worship, all are invited to a rainbow-themed coffee hour***, a time to continue the conversation, celebrate our community, and share in fellowship.

**The Worship and Music Ministry** will meet on Sunday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>** immediately following worship.

**Utah Food Bank:** We will be sorting food at the Utah Food Bank **February 7<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to Noon.

Please plan on attending **Mt Tabor's Annual Meeting** to be held **after services on Sunday, February 8, 2026**. You can attend in person or virtually, with details to be provided soon. ~Dave Warren

**"Dinner At Vinnies" service opportunity is Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-6:30pm at the St Vincent DePaul Dining Hall at the Weigand Center downtown. Come and share Tabor's gracious and loving hospitality with our hungry neighbors living on the streets. We always have room for more volunteers! Please see Casey White if you have any questions.

**Family Promise dinner dates for 2026:** Mount Tabor will be providing dinners on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and brunch on Saturday for the following weeks at **Christ United Methodist Church** (2375 E 3300S): **February 15 – 21; April 26 - May 2; September 13 - 19**

This is a great opportunity to show God's love to **unhoused Families**. If you have any questions about being a volunteer, please let me know. ~Chris Jensen  
Family Promise Coordinator

**Pastor Christine** is available by text. Her contact information is 801-215-9208 or 619-459-8879. Emails can be sent to [pastor@mttaborslc.org](mailto:pastor@mttaborslc.org).