

**Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Oliver Barry Haden. Oliver is the son of Carly and Nick Haden. Proud grandfather is Barry Kyrlund.

**Sympathy** to Jan and Steve Schmeelk at the death of their daughter, Mary Camron Westbrooks, on January 10.

**Please pray for church members, their friends and families**

Church Family

Vic Aloisio	Amber Smith	John Konsowitz	Sheila Fraser-Derfler
Dot Gallagher	Brianna O'Rouke	Keith Walisch	Jan Urban

**WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!**

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Devices for the hearing impaired can be requested from any usher. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship, and a loving nursery is always provided.

Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

**Star words** are available on the altar. You are invited to take a card and trust that God will use your star word to guide and direct you in the New Year.

**Disciple Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, January 28 from 9:00 -10:30 am. Disciple is an in-depth Bible Study program designed to foster spiritual transformation through Bible reading and small-group discussion. Mark your Connection Card to register.

**LCUMC Trivia Night** on Friday, January 30 at 6:00 pm. Join us for a fun night of trivia for all ages in the OFLC. The only goal is having fun! Bring an appetizer to share and we'll provide the rest. Childcare provided for children 4 and under. Mark your connection card to RSVP.

**New Connect Groups are forming for the Spring!** We want to build connections and friendship across our congregation. Connect groups have 6-8 people who meet for lunch or dinner once a month from February - April. Mark your connection card to receive a sign-up link or visit [www.lcumc.net](http://www.lcumc.net) to sign up directly.

**Honduras Mission Trip.** We are finalizing plans for our mission trip to Orphanage Emmanuel June 20-25, 2026. If you are interested in joining the team, be sure to pay your deposit by January 23.

**Student Ministry (including Confirmation)** will not meet tonight due to the holiday weekend. Confirmation and small groups will meet next Sunday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Upper Room Devotionals** for January/February are available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the OFLC.

**What Matters Most.** We continue receiving financial commitments for our 2026 Ministry Budget. Pledge cards are available in the pews. You can also make your commitment online at [www.lcumc.net](http://www.lcumc.net). Thank you for helping us move forward in faith in this new year.

**Electronic Giving During Worship.** To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to 770-637-8941. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

# Walk for Peace



**WWW.LCUMC.NET**

Rev. Elaine Wilder, Pastor  
Crystal Barnes, Family Ministries  
Lisha Mendez, Connect + Serve

Tracie Ginsberg, Music Ministry  
Beth Ann Wise, Musician  
Hyun Jo, Musician

Kimberly Allard, Office Administrator  
Paul Ellis, Finance Administrator  
Rev. DeDe Leetch, Pastor Emeritus

# Order of Worship

Level Creek UMC | January 18, 2026

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Elaine Wilder

## Entrance of the Light of Christ

## \*Call to Worship

We come longing for peace in a world that feels broken and loud.

## Let us offer our prayers to God.

We come carrying hope because we trust that God is at work.

## Let us be inspired to join in God's ministry among us.

We come drawn by the witness of those who choose gentleness and compassion when the way is long.

## Let us open our hearts to the way of peace.

We come to worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Let us worship with open hearts this day. Amen.

## \*Hymn of Praise

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

UMH 580 (vs 1, 2)

## \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## Special Music

"Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah"

Chancel Choir

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Elaine Wilder

## The 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.

## Offering

## Scripture

Romans 8:22-28

*All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.*

*Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.*

## \*Hymn

"Come and find the Quiet Center"

TFWS 2128 (vs 1, 2)

## Sermon

Walk for Peace

Rev. Elaine Wilder

## \*Closing Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

## \*Benediction

## \*Recessional

"May the Road Rise to Meet You"

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind blow at your back.

May the sun shine warmly on your face.

May the rain fall softly on your fields.

And until we meet again, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

## Postlude