SPECIAL SUNDAY



WORSHIP & PRAYER
UMCOR SUNDAY

These worship resources are part of the UMCOR Sunday pastor and leader kit. They may be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit. These resources are inspired by the lectionary readings for the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, 2026): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 40:5-10; Hebrews 10:4-10; and Luke 1:26-38.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, bringing your burdens, your fears, your hopes, and your faith.

People: We come, trusting in the One who is God-with-us, our Immanuel.

Leader: God calls us to be light in the darkness, hope in despair, and presence in the storm.

People: With Mary, we say "yes" to God's call: Here we are, servants of the Lord!

All: Let us worship the God who enters our lives with love, mercy, and grace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Gracious and ever-present God,

We give thanks that You are Immanuel, God-with-us, in times of joy and in seasons of trial.

We remember today all who are recovering from Hurricane Helene in the mountains of North Carolina.

Surround them with comfort, strength, and partners who bring relief and hope.

We lift up immigrants and refugees who travel uncertain roads in search of safety.

May they find welcome, justice, and peace.

We remember all who face disaster, displacement, and despair across the world, and we thank You for the ministry of UMCOR that extends Your compassion through the hands of faithful servants.

Strengthen us to say "yes" to Your call, as Mary did, so that our lives embody hope, healing, and love.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of abundance and mercy,

We thank You for every gift You have given us: life, breath, community, and love.

On this UMCOR Sunday, we especially thank You for the mission and ministry that bring light to places of darkness

Thank You for neighbors who serve with compassion, for gifts that sustain this work, and for opportunities to be Your hands and feet in the world.

Bless the offerings we bring today, that they may embody Your love and extend Your presence.

We pray in Jesus' name, our Immanuel. Amen.

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