

A Celebration of Worship

February 23, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship the name of our wonderful God,

P: The Lord reigns over all creation!

L: The voice of God creates all things,

P: Nothing exists without the creative power of the Lord.

L: May God give strength to all who gather here today,

P: May the Lord bless us with peace!

*OPENING HYMN

“God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us”

UMH #100

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

HYMN

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

UMH #358

CHILDREN’S STORY—held in the Nursery

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:21-31 (CEB)

SERMON

“The Existence of God”

Pastor Kevin Rea

*HYMN

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

UMH #122

OFFERING PRAYER: Gracious God, as we present these offerings, we remember your words in Jeremiah, 'Cursed are those who trusts in mere humans, but happy are those who trust in the Lord, like a tree planted by the streams, bearing fruit in every season.' May our gifts, like the roots of that tree, reach deep into your love and nourish our faith, allowing us to flourish even in times of hardship. Guide these offerings to where they are most needed and help us to always rely on your unwavering strength and provision. Amen.

*BENEDICTION/*POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Liturgist: Valinda Hailey

Fellowship: Soup Lunch

Staff

Pastor: Kevin Rea

Office Assistant: Caroline Rea

Organist: Jim O’Konski

Flute: Nancy Ott

Lay Leader: Valinda Hailey

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**Please Stand*

****Hearing Assist Units** are available from an usher.

***** Children** are always welcome to stay in worship. Activity bags are available for them to use. They are hanging on a rack outside the sanctuary.

Connection Card

Welcome to Topeka Grace UMC!

We are so glad you are here. Please take a moment to complete this card in its entirety and place it in the offering plate.

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Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email @gmail.com @yahoo.com @cox.net

☐ Please update my contact info.

☐ Add me to the church email list.

Attending with me today:

I am a: ☐ Out of town Guest

☐ First time Guest ☐ Frequent Guest

☐ Second time Guest ☐ Member

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Please:

☐ Share with Prayer Team

☐ Keep confidential (Pastor only)

This person is:

☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ Member

☐ Self ☐ Co-worker ☐ Other

My name: _____

Date: _____

Contact Info.: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 24

12:00 pm AA - #3

7:30 pm NA - #3

Tuesday, February 25

5:30 pm AA - #3

6:00 pm Topeka JUMP Network Meeting—Crestveiw

Wednesday, February 26

5:30 pm AA - Parlor

Thursday, February 27

5:45 pm Women AA - #3

6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

Friday, February 28

6:30 pm NA - #3

Sunday, March 2

10:45 am Worship

