

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please stand.

## PRELUDE

Dr. Corry Bell

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**WELCOME VISITORS** – It is with warmth and joy that we welcome all who have come to worship. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration to you all. Blessings!

Persons sitting on an aisle seat please sign and pass the attendance booklet down your row and leave at the end of the row. Visitors, please print your name, address and phone number.

## +WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH SIGNS OF PEACE

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## LIGHTING THE HOLY SPIRIT CANDLES

+Acolytes light Spirit candles - (Symbolizing God with us.)

## INTROIT

Chancel Choir

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## +CALL TO WORSHIP

**L:** O people, approach the Unapproachable; stand radiant in its splendor, and become children of the Light.

**P:** **Let us love one another, for they who love one another abide in the Light, and do not lose their way.**

**L:** O people, enter into the Eternal; stand radiant in its glory, and become children of the Day!

**P:** **Let us love the Lord, for they who love the Lord dwell in the Light of Day, and have no need for night.**

## INVOCATION

Pastor Randy Johnson

O God, pour out your spirit upon us! We are sons and daughters: Let us prophesy! We are elders: Let us dream dreams! We are youths: Let us see visions! We are weak: Let us have strength! Pour out your spirit, that we might know that you are in our midst – that you are our God, and shall not be moved.

## +HYMN OF PRAISE

*God of Love and God of Power*

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Hymnal No. 578

## LIGHTING CANDLES OF COMMUNITY

(Sharing the joys and concerns of prayers.)

## MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OUR LORD'S PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

## ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*Crown Him With Many Crowns* by Craig Courtney

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Randy Johnson

**GIFTS AND TITHES** – The Golden Basket collection today is for Project Esperanza – a partnership between TUMC Monks and UM Women and men of Nuevo Pacto UMC in Tijuana to provide support to the House of Sion, a children's orphanage.

## Offertory

Dr. Corry Bell

## +Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

## Offertory Prayer

Pastor Randy Johnson

## PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Ancient Words – Chorus*

Ancient words ever true,  
Changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 16: 19-31**  
**Pew Bible, New Testament pp. 79-80**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Randy Johnson**  
**“Spiritual Blindness”**  
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**+CLOSING HYMN**

*God of the Ages*

**Hymnal No. 698**

**+BENEDICTION**

*+Acolytes take spirit light out of sanctuary.*

**Chancel Choir**

**+POSTLUDE**

**Dr. Corry Bell**

A presentation on the House of Sion, a children’s orphanage will be made by the Monks immediately following today’s service. Stay and listen to this story about abandoned children, and how you can become a “Partner-in-Christ” in this ministry.

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