

**Order of Service at the United Reformed Church  
January 12, 2025 9:30 a.m.**

**APPROACHING GOD**

Prelude *Allegretto (Interlude)* Peeters  
(A time of silence to prepare our hearts to worship; please silence your cell phone)

Salutation  
Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Call to Worship  
We bring our divisions and our unity, our differences and our diversity, our fears and our joys, as a community.  
**We bring all we are, and all we hope to be, as your people. And together in honesty and promise, we come to worship.**  
In your name, we all share, and in which we find peace.

\*Opening Hymn (Blue Book #323 vs. 1. 3. & 4) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Call to Confession  
Merciful God, we recognize horror in the world, and we lament our part in looking the other way, in neglecting to speak up for the marginalized, in our failure to prioritize creation. We feel overwhelmed with enormity of reports of inhumanity to others, systemic behaviors that keep people in poverty targets for lower emissions that continue to be missed and we are complicit. Help us to recognize when what we are doing harms others and forgive us as we pray together: ask your forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
Loving God, sweep our houses and put them in order. Give us courage to follow Jesus, to cry out for the hurting, to work toward giving our neighbor a voice, and to wholeheartedly care for your creation. We look for our resting place in you, and in your mercy we find it. Amen. (a moment for silent confession)

Words of Assurance  
Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Passing the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-14

The Word of God, for the People of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Behind the Scenes*

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

Hymn of Response (Blue Book #628) He Touched Me  
*Please Remain Seated*

\*Confession of Faith  
**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Offertory *We Give Thee But Thine Own* "Schumann"

*(We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be:  
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.)*

\*Doxology **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn (Blue Book #48) **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

\*Benediction

Postlude

*March*

Peeters

### **Our Invitation**

Welcome to United Reformed Church! As we join together in prayer, song, and praise to God, we pray that the blessings and fellowship you find here will enrich your life. *If you are physically able, an asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to stand.*

**Bold text signifies opportunities for the congregation to read and respond responsively.**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Rev. Dr. Shakeema North, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Rep Your Team and wear a jersey or shirt Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Office Hours: Wednesday 5-7 PM; Sunday 10:30 AM-12:30 PM**

**Church Office Hours: Tue, Thurs, and Fri 9AM-2PM; Wed 3-7 PM**

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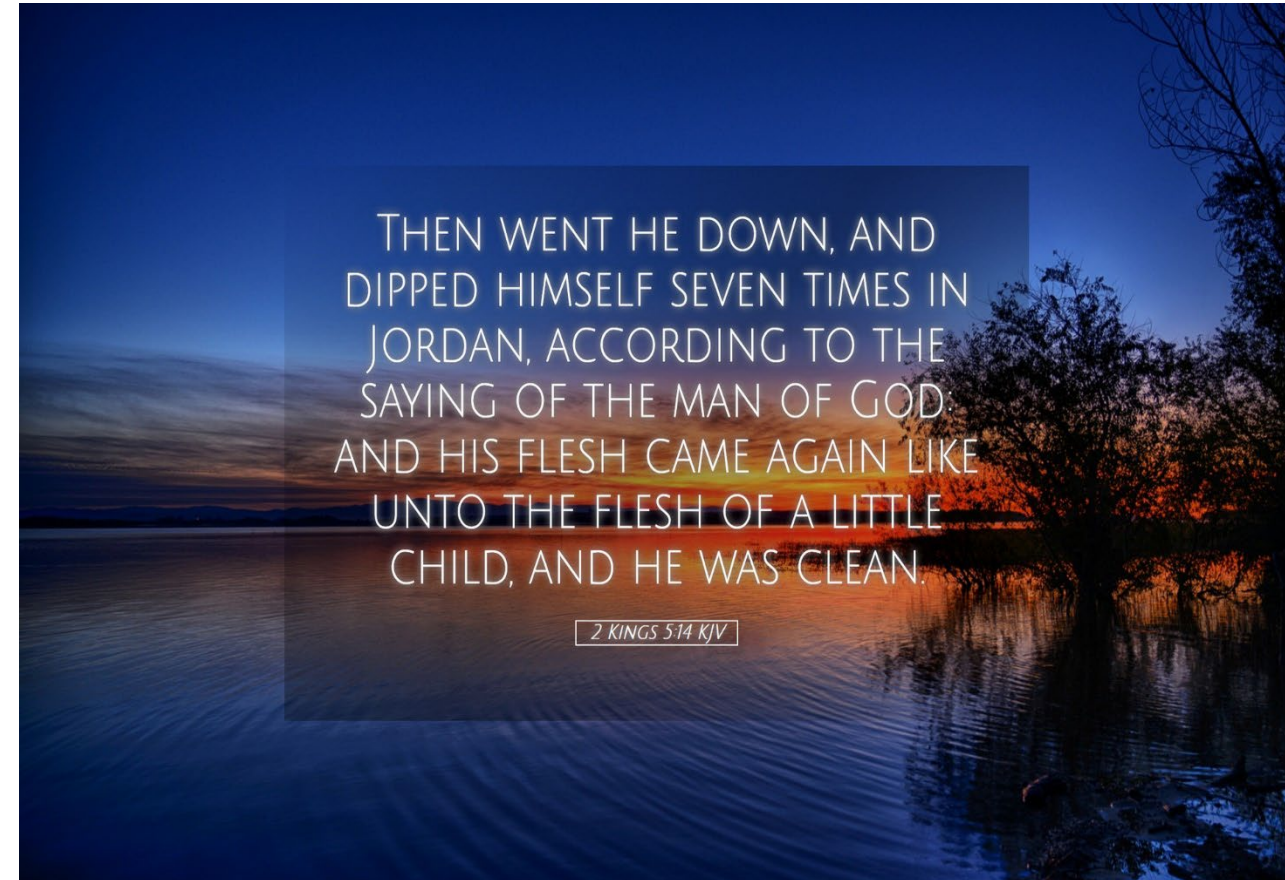
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