

# Knightsville Methodist

Order of Worship  
Agape Worship Service  
January 25, 2026  
10:10 a.m.

Welcome		DH
Prayer of Spiritual Awakening		DH
Call to Worship	Hear the Voice of Jesus Calling (OGRP #508-Vs 1)	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	Victory in Jesus (OGRP #119 - Verses 1, 2, & 3)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
Prayers of the Church		Dianne Boykin
Words of Wisdom	Esther 4:1-14	Alec Schumacher
Anthem of Hope	There's Something About That Name	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering		Jim Vaughn
Hymn of Love	Here I am Lord (OGRP #589 - Verses 1, 2, & 3)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
Word of God	Matthew 28:16-20	Dee Dee McGuire
Video		
Spiritual Vitamin	The Time Is Now - A Neighborhood Church on Mission Living in God's Appointed Time	
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Going Forth Blessing		

## **Prayer for Spiritual Awakening**

**Pastor:** Wake Up Sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**People:** Holy and Sovereign God, You are the One who positions Your people in the right place at the right time. Just as You stirred Esther's heart in a moment of crisis, awaken us now to the purpose for which You have placed us in this generation. Remind us, Lord, that we are here "for such a time as this."

**Pastor:** Open our eyes to see the needs around us. Open our ears to hear the cries of the broken, the oppressed, and the forgotten. Open our hearts to respond with courage, compassion, and obedience. Let the same Spirit that moved Esther to step forward in bold faith move within us today.

**People:** Lord Jesus, You have given us Your commission—to go, to make disciples, to teach, to baptize, and to carry Your presence into every corner of the world. As You spoke to Your disciples on that mountain in Galilee, remind us again that all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to You, and that You are with us always, even to the end of the age.

**Pastor:** Awaken Your church, O God. Shake us from complacency. Stir us from comfort. Call us into the urgency of Your mission. Let us not shrink back in fear, but rise in faith, knowing that Your timing is perfect and Your purpose is unstoppable.

**People:** Use us, Lord— in our homes, in our workplaces, in our community, and in Your church— to shine Your light, proclaim Your hope, and carry out Your kingdom work. We declare today that we are available. We are willing. We are ready for such a time as this. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

## Words of Wisdom - Esther 4:1-14

Allow these words from The Message translation, from the book of Esther, to open up your heart, mind and soul to God's invitation to a part of His kingdom building within the neighborhood where you reside.

When Mordecai learned what had been done, he ripped his clothes to shreds and put on sackcloth and ashes. Then he went out in the streets of the city crying out in loud and bitter cries. He came only as far as the King's Gate, for no one dressed in sackcloth was allowed to enter the King's Gate. As the king's order was posted in every province, there was loud lament among the Jews—fasting, weeping, wailing. And most of them stretched out on sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup>Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her. The queen was stunned. She sent fresh clothes to Mordecai so he could take off his sackcloth, but he wouldn't accept them. Esther called for Hathach, one of the royal eunuchs whom the king had assigned to wait on her and told him to go to Mordecai and get the full story of what was happening. So Hathach went to Mordecai in the town square in front of the King's Gate. Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him. He also told him the exact amount of money that Haman had promised to deposit in the royal bank to finance the massacre of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the bulletin that had been posted in Susa ordering the massacre so he could show it to Esther when he reported back with instructions to go to the king and intercede and plead with him for her people.

Hathach came back and told Esther everything Mordecai had said. Esther talked it over with Hathach and then sent him back to Mordecai with this message: "Everyone who works for the king here, and even the people out in the provinces, knows that there is a single fate for every man or woman who approaches the king without being invited: death. The one exception is if the king extends his gold scepter; then he or she may live. And it's been thirty days now since I've been invited to come to the king."

When Hathach told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai sent her this message: "Don't think that just because you live in the king's house you're the one Jew who will get out of this alive. If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews from someplace else; but you and your family will be wiped out. **Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such a time as this.**"

This moment in both Mordecai and Esther's life reveals something true for every believer: God places us where we are on purpose. Not by accident. Not by coincidence. Not by luck.

Esther's fear was understandable. Approaching the king uninvited could cost her life. But Mordecai reminds her that silence is not safety, and obedience is not optional. God was already working behind the scenes — but He invited Esther to step into that work with courage.

The same is true for us. There are moments when God calls us to speak, to act, to stand, to pray, to intervene – even when it feels risky or inconvenient. Courage isn't the absence of fear; it's choosing obedience in spite of it.

And here's the beauty: God doesn't need us to accomplish His purposes, but He delights to use us. He positions us, equips us, and strengthens us for the exact moment we're in.

May God bless our discernment to His Holy Word.

**People: Praise be to God.**

## **Word of God - Matthew 28:16-20**

Today's Word of God comes to us from the Living Bible version, the book of Matthew, chapter 28 verses 16 through 20.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had said they would find him. There they met him and worshiped him—but some of them weren't sure it really was Jesus!

He told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**