



CENTERING MOMENT

May all God's messengers praise the Lord!

PRELUDE

"Who Would Imagine A King"
Hallerin Hill, Mervyn Warren

Robert Johnson, Jr.

GREETING

Alvairene Scott
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We gather this morning ready to listen.

Open our ears, Lord.

We gather this morning ready to learn.

Open our minds, Lord.

We gather this morning ready to love.

Open our hearts, Lord.

We gather this morning ready to worship.

Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.

We gather to praise the Lord Almighty!

Abingdon Worship Annual
(Kristiane Smith)

OPENING PRAYER

***Holy one, as we gather today,
may we be like young Jesus and Samuel—
eager to hear, eager to learn,
and eager to minister to others.
Meet us here in this sacred space.
May our hearts and minds be open to your call,
as we worship and praise your holy name. Amen.***

(Kristiane Smith)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Amazing Grace”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Grace”

Bishop T. D. Jakes

Jubilant Voices

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52
Common English Bible

SONG OF PREPARATION

“I Love the Lord/Total Praise”

Richard Smallwood

Deborah Bell, soloist

Jubilant Voices

MESSAGE

“Growing in Grace”

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Lead Pastor

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

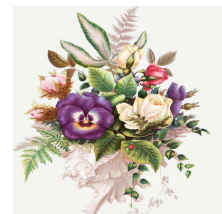
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Afro-American Spiritual, John Work

Robert Johnson, Jr.

TODAY IN WORSHIP: Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, *Lead Pastor*; Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver, *Associate Pastor*; Rev. Louis Chase, *Minister of Community Outreach*; *In Memoriam* Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*; Alvairene Scott, *Liturgist*; Jubilant Voices of Holman, Melida Skeete Smith, *Director*; Robert Johnson, Jr., *Organist*; Ricardo L. J. Mowatt, *Drummer*; David R. Sears, *Production Mixer*; Mark Conway, *Video Director*; Keith McGruder, *House Mixer*; Fitzroy Younge, *House Mixer*; Jules Green, *Post-Production*; Mychael Carter, *Audio Tech/Mixer*

The live broadcast of today's 11:00 am worship celebration on 102.3 FM, **Radio Free KJLH**, is sponsored by **Dr. Bettye Walker**: “In celebration of my great nieces: Twins Natalia and Sydney who turned 21! They are both majoring in Engineering and will continue the Legacy of their great uncle, Prof. Hildreth Hal Walker, Jr.”

Today's **altar flowers** are given to celebrate “Don Norman on the occasion of his 90th birthday. His dedication to family and service is an example for all of us. From family and friends far and wide we love you with all of our hearts” *and* “In honor of the 93rd birthday of Robert Waters on December 30. We love you! Love Shailendra, Timothy, Blair and Chelise.”



HOLMAN *Announcements*

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Mail:** Send to *Holman UMC*,
3320 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90018
- **Radio Broadcast Sponsorship:** Take advantage of a 20% discount on the 11am worship broadcast on KJLH Radio Free 102.3 FM!
- **Online:** Go to the church website @ www.holmanumc.com/give
- **Altar Flowers Sponsorship:** Visit holmanumc.com/give and choose Givelify or Vanco.



Access the broadcast sponsorship form at www.holmanumc.com/forms and be a blessing today!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE ok

PRAYER LIST | Hazel Storey, Pauline Fields, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Reggie Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, the family of Wilfred Malcolm, Samantha McQueen, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.



BEREAVEMENT | Ronald Rabb transitioned on Tuesday, December 17. Arrangements are pending. Please keep Mr. Rabb's son, Jason, and the Rabb family in prayer.

Dr. Harold Jordan made his transition on Thursday, December 26. Arrangements are pending. Please keep the Jordan family in prayer.

AFTER WORSHIP

- Join the Jubilant Voices, UYoYo peace.org, and the family of Don Norman at **Fellowship Hour**, immediately following service in L. L. White. Celebrate the 90th birthday of Don Norman, longtime Holman member and new nonagenarian, and the 30th anniversary of the Jubilant Voices.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Holman Annual Flu Vaccine Clinic returns January 12, 2025, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in Holman Crockett Library.** The Holman Health and Wellness Ministry, in partnership with Cedars-Sinai Community Outreach, will offer free influenza vaccination, blood pressure screening and general health information for men and women. Registration begins at 9:30 am. All are welcome.
- In observance of **New Year's Day**, the Holman office will **close at 1:00 pm on New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31.** The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2 at 10:00 am.
- Register for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) homeless count at Holman Thursday, January 23. 1) Visit LAHSA.org; 2) Select Homeless Count; 3) Enter zip code 90018 - Holman will appear; 4) Click "Register" to fill in the form.

This Week @ HOLMAN

www.holmanumc.com/calendar

Sunday, December 29

Combined Worship Service

11am–12:15pm | Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

9:30–10:30am | Every Sunday
Online

Children's Church

DIGITAL LESSON "[The Boy Jesus in the Temple](#)"

Book Talk: Zoom

9:15–10:15am | Every Sunday | Online
Noel Leo Erskine, *Black Theology and Black Faith*

Holman Choir Rehearsal: 12:30-2:00 pm

12:30-2:00pm | Every Sunday
Bowick Music Room (111)

Wednesday, Jan 1 *New Year's Day*
OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, Jan 2

Thursday Bible Study

1–2pm | Every Thursday
Phone

Friday, Jan 3

Friday Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

7:30–8:30am | Every Friday
Phone

A Prayer for the New Year

God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.
Help us to make room for the blessings
that are in store for us in the coming months.
May we be open to learn the right lessons,
even if they hurt a little.
Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.
Show us how to be fulfilled without
material possessions, so that we will not
miss what it means to be a blessed people.
Enable us to be a blessing so you will
recognize us as the ones who gave you bread
when you were hungry, drink when you were
thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, January 11

Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH)

9am-12pm | Education Building

Sunday, January 12

Annual Influenza Vaccine Clinic

10am–1pm | Holman Crockett Library
Registration at 9:30am

Saturday, January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

9am–3pm | Details forthcoming

Sunday, January 19

UWF Spiritual Growth Circle

1-3pm | Holman Crockett Library

Thursday, January 23

LAHSA Homeless Count

6:30-7:00 | L. L. White Hall

BMCR Western Jurisdiction Volunteer Meeting (for March 19-22, 2025 General BMCR meeting)

2:45–4:45pm | Details forthcoming

OFFICE CLOSURES

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31

- Open 10am-1pm

New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1

