



Celebration of Worship

Open hearts
Open minds
Open doors

The people of the United Methodist Church

+ Those who are able are invited to stand.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – The Faith We Sing

You are invited to respond with the **Boldface** responses.

PRAYER FOR CENTERING

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise.

Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Renee Warner*

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *FWS 2068*
I Love You, Lord, (singing once)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

Welcome to worship, just as you are!

We come, seeking, needing healing.

God will always give you healing!

We come, praying and praising!

Blessed are you whose faith is in the Lord! For in God's love and healing power we are strengthened to be of service to others.

+INVOCATION *Unison*

God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing. Help us today to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 369*

Blessed Assurance

The Church in Shares in Confession

THE PSALTER *Psalm 96 (The Message)*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Leader*

God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus deals with each of us according to our need. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Responsively*

We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us.

Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would

bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name.

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Responsively*

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

+RESPONSE *UMH 261*

Lord of the Dance

The Church Shares

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS *Curtis Wilkerson*
Faithfully participating in Ministry by our Service

OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER *Unison*

+DOXOLOGY *UMH 94*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

The Church Listens for the Word

+THE WORD *Matthew 22 : 34-40*

CALL TO CHILDREN'S SERMON *UMH 174*
His Name is Wonderful

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

WIGGLETIME

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *UMH 357*

Just as I Am, Without One Plea, v. 1

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Responsively*

Lord God, with gratitude for all your goodness, we come to you in prayer—for our family and friends, for our sisters and brothers in faith, and for the world of nations you have made.

Remember those who are dear to us.

Wrap your steadfast love around them, sustain them in times of trouble, and keep them always in your care.

Remember the church of Jesus Christ.

Empower us to proclaim the gospel, strengthen us in our conviction, and make us imitators of the Lord.

Remember the family of nations.

Send out your Spirit to renew the earth, welcome all people into your house, and let your love be known in all the world.

To you, O God, Maker of heaven and earth, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the grace and peace of Christ we pray. In the Name of Jesus we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORD IN MUSIC *Chancel Choir*

Jazz Alleluia

-Centry

SERMON

Rev. M. Steven Meadows

The Church Scatters to Share Good News

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 529*

How Firm a Foundation

+THE SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

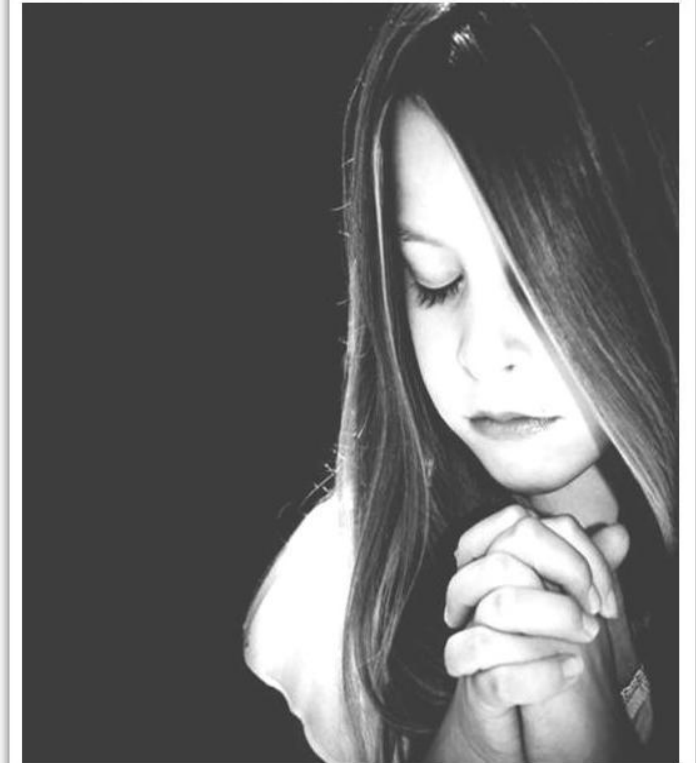
Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

...and the worship continues.

Seek God while...



God's here to be found

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