

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP



*Gathering as God's people to be inspired to live as the Church, the Body of Christ*

+ Those who are able are invited to stand.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal TFWS - The Faith We Sing

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

## GOOD MORNING! WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *UMH 616*

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast, v. 1*

**Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

**We are hungry for the bread of heaven.**

Jesus said, "The bread of God gives life to the world."

**We are hungry for eternal life.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**We are here to become what we already are:  
the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.**

+INVOCATION

Gracious God, thank you for seeking us out, for gathering us before you, for not keeping silent in the face of our need. Thank you for calling us into account, and for challenging us with strong words to be a people of grace and compassion. Thank you for assuring us that we need not be afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us your kingdom. In courage and hope, we come before you this hour, to hear your Word, to gather at the table prepared for all, and to prepare our hearts for the unexpected hour of your coming. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 629*

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

## THE CHURCH AFFIRMS ITS FAITH

THE PSALTER *-from Psalm 34*

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Unison*

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all sisters and brothers.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting.**

PERSONAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *UMH 715*

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King, vv. 1 & 2*

- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph ever-more.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**
- 2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

## THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

THE WORD

RESPONSE *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH 277*

- 1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

WIGGLETIME

SERMON *Rev. Steven Meadows*

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*

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**THE CHURCH CELEBRATES  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you. Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God. Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of the ages. We give you thanks, for you have created all things, and by your will they exist. You have delivered your people from bondage, and you have given to us Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, who has won for us the victory over sin and death and all evil.

**Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,  
The whole universe speaks of your majesty,  
O God, Most High.**

Glory be to you, O Christ, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God people from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

**The lamb who was slain is worthy to receive  
power and wealth, wisdom and might, honor,  
glory, and blessing.**

Spirit of God, touch our lives deeply, and make us truly yours; and bless these gifts of grain and fruit.

O living Christ, bright morning star of this darkened world, be our guest. Name us, mark us, and claim us as your own. Free us from bondage to the powers of this world. Glory be to you! And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**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.**

**GIVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD & CUP**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**The Bread of Life, shared with you.**

*The eating of the wafer/bread.*

**The cup of the New Covenant, shared with you.**

*The drinking of the cup.*

PERSONAL COMMUNION REFLECTION *Dan Martin*

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**THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO  
SHARE GOOD NEWS**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

*UMH 102*

*Now Thank We All Our God*

+BENEDICTION

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE

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**...and the worship continues.**

*God has blessed us with Countless Gifts of Love*

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