



+ 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.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

MOMENTS OF CENTERING

Gracious God, we commend to your care all families. We pray that each home may be a home where love is felt. We pray for homes where, instead of love, hurt, abuse, and suffering abide. We pray for children, youth, and adults, recognizing the importance of and the gift of every age as we grow.

May your grace be present to all.

Grant us wisdom to know where there is no love, courage to act out of love for others, and peace to trust in your grace. Help us to live so that the commandments of love for you and love for others are shown in the ways we live together. Amen.

Good Morning! Welcome to Worship!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Renee Warner*
 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

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

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *FWS 2202*
Come Away with Me, vv. 4,5

4. Come and say, in words whispered from your soul, the feelings and actions you can't control. Your spirit needs to be made whole. Come away with me. Come away.

5. Come away with me to a quiet place, to God's loving arms waiting to embrace all those who come in hope of grace. Come away with me. Come away.

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Renee Warner*

Hear the sound of singing families. They celebrate the Creator and lift their hearts in hope, as birds fly from branches wet with morning dew to greet the dawn. See the sun light up the world. See the trees on West Virginia mountains, standing humbly in the majesty of the Spirit as the world bows before the Maker. The heavens proclaim God's love, and we are among family this day who behold God's glory. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

+INVOCATION *Responsively*

God of all creation, you have promised a new heaven and a new earth; embracing this hope, we look to you for newness of life today. We have tasted that the Lord is good, and we ask for courage to be your disciples: Help us to abide in you as you abide in Christ.

Help us to grow in our love for one another that we may be known by our love.

Make us bearers of good fruit that praises your name. All things we ask in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 92*
For the Beauty of the Earth, vv. 1, 2, 4, & 6

THE PEOPLE OF GOD CELEBRATE FAMILY

EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 1:15-23 (The Voice)*

LITANY FOR FAMILIES *Responsively*

God of all times and places, we ask you to attend to this prayer and the voices, heard and silent, who pray it.

For families who struggle to speak to one another in love, (pause)

For families who delight in being together, (pause)

For families who want to live with less in order that others might have more, (pause)

For families who do not have enough to dress warmly or to go to bed without hunger, (pause)

For families who read your Word together, (pause)

For families who find it hard to spend any time together, (pause)

For my family and the families in this congregation, (pause)

For the First Church family, (pause)

For the families in my community, (pause)

For families around the world, (pause)

For all families, we pray that love will grow in them so that Christ's love will shine through them.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES *Responsively*

Gracious God, who created the families of the earth, we commend to your care all the families of this congregation, all the families of this community, and all the families of this world. We pray this day that each home may be a home where peace is practiced.

We pray for those homes where there is no peace – where there is danger, violence, hurtful words, and unceasing activity.

We pray for children, youth, and adults. We pray for parents, stepparents, and foster parents. We pray for those who are single and those who are married.

We pray for those who love but feel they have no one who cares for them or loves them. May your grace be present to all.

Grant us wisdom to seek God's peace in our homes. Grant us courage to work for peace in our communities.

Grant us hope so, when we see only the mean actions of humans, we remember your ever-abiding presence and the promise of peace.

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.

RESPONSE *Lord of All Hopefulness* FWS 2197

THE CHURCH WORSHIPS BY GIVING

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Hospitality – a warm welcome – is generosity. When we welcome each child of God into the life of this church, we extend God's own generous hospitality. Our gifts help this graceful ministry to flourish and to grow and to give glory to God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Responsively

God of creation, Alpha and Omega, we offer these gifts as a portion of what you have showered upon us in your generosity. You have invited us to be your stewards, so that when your Kingdom is fully established, we might be held as faithful servants in your sight.

Open our eyes to the good we can do, every day, with the time, talent and treasure that has been entrusted to us. We pray in the name of your son, our risen Savior. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Dan Martin

+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 uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CHURCH LISTENS

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME *FWS 2030*

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

WIGGLETIME

Following Wiggletime, the Children are invited to join the Leaders in Linger Hall for CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Steve

THE CHURCH SCATTERS AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

+HYMN OF COMMITMENT

UMH 98

To God Be the Glory

+SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Acolytes

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

+BENEDICTION

In the presence of Christ, we have gathered.

In the grace of Christ, we depart.

May God clothe us with power on high.

May God put this power to work in each of us.

Amen.

+POSTLUDE

Dan Martin

...and the worship continues.

Thanks, Mom!

