



+ 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.

MOMENTS OF CENTERING

We look to the rulers of this earth for leadership, wisdom, and strength. We look to these bodies of ours for stability, fulfillment, and joy. We look to families and friends for love, compassion, and hope. When rulers betray, when bodies fail, and when families disappoint, God offers another look.

God will guide us. God's Spirit will sustain us. Christ will welcome us home. Come, my sisters and brothers, we are all God's family now.

Good Morning! Welcome to Worship!

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

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

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *UMH 452*
My Faith Looks Up to Thee, v. 1

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all**

my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

And God found me and brought me home.

When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God.

+INVOCATION *Elizabeth Spencer*

O God, bind us together as your family.

Swing wide the doors of our hearts and the doors of the church, that everyone will find welcome and hospitality.

Give us a spirit of faith, that we may be your daughters and sons upon this earth, lovers of your grace and givers of your love and peace. In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 154*

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

THE PSALTER *Psalm 138*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Responsively*

Lord, forgive us when we see your handiwork all around us and still doubt your power, presence, and love. Forgive us when we treat each other with careless apathy or disgust. You, Living God and everlasting Creator, can shape in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can offer the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness.

Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings, and having received them, to find the many ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Leader*

Even the Most High God regards the lowly with love and compassion. Even the perfect Christ welcomes the sinful and lost with open arms.

Come, we are the brothers and sisters of Christ. All are forgiven by grace.

We are the family of God.

Praise be for forgiveness in Christ's love!

RESPONSE *The Summons, v. 1 FWS 2130*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

THE CHURCH RESPONDS WITH GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Come into God's courts with thanksgiving and praise. Come offer the strength of your soul and the generosity of your spirit, that all may know that Christ is our brother and that we are God's family. All are welcome here.

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Unison*

We bow before you with these offerings and gifts, that you may know our love. Lift us up, that we may see the Ones who gave his very life for us, a master who would be a servant, a savior who would be a friend. Gather these gifts, and gather your people, that we may be your family upon this earth. 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 FOR THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME

Children of the Heavenly Father, v. 1 UMH 141

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

WIGGLETIME

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Come and Find the Quiet Center, v. 1 FWS 2128

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Mighty God, you created the world and called it good; you made us to love you and one another. Yet the world is broken and in need of your care.

Healing God, hear our prayer.

For your church, here and around the world...Reconcile our divisions and strengthen our witness.

For countries at war and nations who threaten the peace...Restore your justice and bind up our wounds.

For our nation...Bridge our divides, that we may work together for the common good.

For our communities...Foster understanding between those who differ from one another, that we might live in harmony.

For those we love...Soothe our hurts, heal our relationships, and enable us to love one another well.

For our secret concerns and those troubles known only to you...

Healing God, hear our prayer.

We offer these prayers to you, O God, and offer ourselves as your servants, that we might be part of your healing work, even as we wait for your eternal realm of justice, peace, and love. In the name of Jesus, the Savior who taught us to 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.

+RESPONSE *Sweet Hour of Prayer, v. 3 UMH 496*

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Steve

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO
SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 567*

Heralds of Christ

+SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

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

+BENEDICTION

Go now in peace, knowing the wonders that God has produced in your life. Be assured that there are still more wonders to come. Bear witness to God's love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, the Holy One who resides with you always, go in peace. AMEN.

+POSTLUDE

Dan Martin

...and the worship continues.

