

+ Those who are able are invited to stand.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – The Faith We Sing

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

MOMENTS OF CENTERING

I love you for who you are, not for what you do. Many voices vie for control of your mind, especially when you sit in silence. You must learn to discern what is My voice and what is not. Ask My Spirit to give you this discernment. Many of My children run around in circles, trying to obey the various voices directing their lives. This results in fragmented, frustrating patterns of living. Do not fall into this trap. Walk closely with Me each moment, listening for My directives and enjoying My Companionship. Refuse to let other voices tie you up in knots.
*My sheep know my voice
 and follow Me wherever I lead.*

“When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.” –John 10:4 –Jesus Calling, p. 66.

Thanks be to God! Welcome to Worship!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Carolyn Brown*

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 177*
He Is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

Come, all who need help!
Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.
 Come, all who desire blessing!
Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.
 Come, all who long for salvation!
Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.

+THE INVOCATION *Responsively*

God, you are our refuge.
 You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out, you are the ground on which to rest.
God, you are our strength.
 You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up, you are the keys of home we carry with us.
God, you are our help in time of trouble.
 We call on you from the ruins and the rubble.
 We call on you from the wildness and the deep,
We call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 297*
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE CHURCH AFFIRMS ITS FAITH

THE PSALTER *Psalms 121*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Unison*

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.
We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved

Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God!

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 *Gloria Patri UMH 71*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE CHURCH SHARES ITS BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God is faithful, generous, creative, and loving. So, let us put our trust in God, offering our gifts of finances, time, prayer, and creative imagination for the joy of ministry here in this community of faith and beyond through Mission and Service.

I invite you to share God’s abundance—today in these moments of stewardship or online by using the church website: www.FirstChurchUM.com.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Unison

Holy and Gracious One, increase our imagination that we may see your love more fully realized through this church family and the life-giving purpose at our center. Bless the gifts we make in your name and help us to give with even more generosity and compassion than we have received. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Dan Martin

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO CHILDRENS SERMON

There's a Song, v. 1

FWS 2141

There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from Jesus. There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from God.

Alleluia! Love in my heart is singing praises.

Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.

WIGGLETIME ...*Then, time for Children's Church!*

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. M. Steven Meadows

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH 698

God of the Ages

+SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Acolytes

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

+BENEDICTION


Responsively

Beloved, you—you—who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty —will find in God your refuge and fortress.

Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE

Dan Martin



The UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 7 PM



CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY 2025

Sunday, Mar. 16, 4 PM

Fellowship Hall

...details are on their way!



Micah Outreach Ministry Team Invites You...

MICAH MEAL, SUNDAY, MAR. 23

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

BAKED POTATO BAR AND SALAD

Donations will support

Southern West Virginia Flood Relief.

March Loose Change Offering will support

Southern West Virginia Flood Relief



Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.

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