



+ 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.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Rest in My Presence when you need refreshment.

Resting is not necessarily idleness, as people often perceive it. When you relax in My company, you are demonstrating trust in Me. Trust is a rich word, laden with meaning and direction for your life.

I want you to lean on, trust, and be confident in Me.

*When you lean on Me for support,
I delight in your trusting confidence.*

Many people turn away from Me when they are exhausted. They associate Me with duty and diligence, so they try to hide from My Presence when they need a break from work. How this saddens Me! As I spoke through My prophet Isaiah: In returning to Me and resting in Me you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

“Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. –Prov. 3:5 AMP

THANKS BE TO GOD! 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.”

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

All singing: Be Thou My Vision, v. 1 UMH 451

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Let go of the demands of this day. Rest in the quiet of this sanctuary. There will always be needs to be met, demands on our time, but now is a time to rest.

Help us to understand the resting time, that it is a time to be at peace and grow in God’s love.

All singing: Be Thou My Vision, v. 2 UMH 451

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word.

I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.

Thou and thou only, first in my heart.

Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

+INVOCATION

Leader

Grant us, O God, not to be overtaken by anxiety that can make us feel that you are not close by. Give us the chance to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note that we may experience and know your presence and live in that presence wherever we may be. Prepare us for the journey as we worship you, to follow you as your disciples. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the firstborn over all creation

Amen.

+ HYMN OF CELEBRATION

UMH 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vv. 1-5

THE CHURCH AFFIRMS ITS FAITH

THE PSALTER

Psalm 121

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 OF AFFIRMATION

RESPONSE

UMH 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King, vv. 1, 2, and 4

THE CHURCH WORSHIPS BY GIVING

OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME *UMH 278*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, v. 1

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely
anthem rang.**

**To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his
breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest
and the best.**

WIGGLETIME *...then, it's off to Children's Church*

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *UMH 453*

More Love to Thee, O Christ, v. 1

**More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.**

**This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to
thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Responsively*

Let us pray for the world, saying,
Lord, we pray, let your life fill your children.
Breath of life, breathe into us, that we might live.

For the one who is bowed down by the weight of what
cannot be controlled . . . *[silent prayer]*
Lord, we pray, **let your life fill this child again.**

For the one who is blinded by the shimmer of addictive
desires . . . *[silent prayer]*
Lord, we pray, **let your life fill this child again.**

For the one who is hopeless, helpless, lost in fear . . .
[silent prayer]
Lord, we pray, **let your life fill this child again.**

For the one who is imprisoned, abandoned, left to die . . .
[silent prayer]
Lord, we pray, **let your life fill this child again.**

For the one who is preparing to leave this home on earth,
and those who care for them...
[silent prayer]

Lord, we pray, **let your life fill this child forever.**

All these prayers we offer to you, O God, through Jesus
Christ who prays for us and the Holy Spirit who intercedes
for us in sighs too deep for words.

And with that confidence, we pray the prayer Jesus taught
us...

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 *Renee Warner*

SERMON *Rev. Steven Meadows*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 529*
How Firm a Foundation, vv. 1, 2, 3 and 5

+BENEDICTION *Pastor*
Go now in the blessing of Christ, the image of the
invisible, Love-made-flesh. May God's loving
presence surround you on every side, guiding you and
empowering you to share God's loving presence with
everyone you meet.
Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.

