



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*TO SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF
JESUS CHRIST SO THAT
OTHERS WILL KNOW
AND LOVE HIM*

+ 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

God calls us together to worship this morning.
From our work and play within the world, God gathers
us to give thanks for creation’s goodness, for the
strength to labor, and for the wisdom to relax. From
amidst our friends and family God brings us here to
participate in a community of faith, Christ’s people, a
new family, our church family. From everyday
conversations, talk, and chatter, God invites us to engage
one another in dialogue, to speak in truth from the
depths of heart and mind, to pray freely.
Let us heed God’s call and rejoice in what God enables.
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 367*
He Touched Me, v. 1

**Shackled by a heavy burden, ‘neath a load of guilt
and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me, and
now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that
floods my soul! Something happened, and now I
know, he touched me and made me whole.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*
Come, quench your thirst in the love of God.

**We come, hungering for a place in which we can be
gently nourished.**
Be like trees planted by the streams of living water,
ready to receive God’s nourishment.
Strengthen us, O God, to receive your blessed peace.

+INVOCATION *Leader*
O God, who lifts us up, sets us free, and watches over
us, remind us of your ever-abiding presence this day.
Lift our spirits, and free our minds. Open our eyes and
hearts to your words, your will, and the miracle of your
holy presence with this holy meal. May we encounter
you in the meeting of friends, in our kindness to
strangers, and in the bread and cup. Lift us up, draw us
to you, and set us free, O God. Watch over us, we pray.
Amen.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION *UMH 92*
For the Beauty of the Earth
*Singing the *Holy Communion refrain:*
Christ, our God...

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

THE PSALTER *Psalms 107:1-9, 43*

LITANY OF CONFESSION *Responsively*
Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude. Too often
our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of
mercy. Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to
speak kind words of love. Too often we are stubborn and self-
centered, separated from our better self and others, separated

and alienated from God. Let us confess our separation and
alienation from our better selves, from one another, and from
God.
In Jesus Christ, God broke the barrier of sin and pain that
separates us from ourselves, our neighbor, and God, the One
who loves us the most. We seek God’s grace so we might
move from alienation to new life.

So, God, grant us new life in you.
When we deny your presence in our busy days—
O God, grant us new life in you.
When we feel justified in our anger and resentment toward
others—
O God, grant us new life in you.
When we judge others before looking at ourselves—
O God, grant us new life in you.
When we occupy ourselves in worldly matters and reject
your peace and assurance—
O God, grant us new life in you.
When we refuse to follow your will because we are fearful
and untrusting—
O God, grant us new life in you.
When we seek the security of false gods and turn our faces
from your Light—
O God, grant us new life in you.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment
now! For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new
life in the center of our wounded hearts. It is with boundless
joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness of our sin!
In the name of Jesus Christ, by grace, we are forgiven!
With boundless joy, we are made alive! Thanks be to God.
Amen.

RESPONSE *Spirit Song, v. 2* *UMH 347*
**O come and sing this song with gladness as your
hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet
surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and
sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you’ll
enter into life in Jesus’ name.**
(refrain) **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

THE CHURCH SHARES

OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

+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

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME

UMH 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful, v. 1

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

1. **Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.** *repeat Refrain*

WIGGLETIME

...then, Off to Children's Church

WORD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir: director, Eva Atha

SERMON

Rev. Steve

PIANO MEDITATION

Carolyn Brown

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responsively

When Jesus sat at table and ate with tax collectors and sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: everyone is invited now to share God's table and be nourished by the Bread of life.

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **We lift them up to God.**

Let us thank God: **It is good to thank God.**

We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence.

We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not death, was the final word.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. 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.

THE COMMUNION

As this grain once was scattered in the fields and has come together in one bread, we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we break and share one bread.

The cup that we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

Come to the table. Take. Eat. Drink.

The Cup of the New Covenant. God is with us.

GIVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH 702

Sing with All the Saints in Glory, vv. 1, 2, & 3

+BENEDICTION

Pastor

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of Jesus. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains us all. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might leave this place, rejoicing as your followers in the world. **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE

...and the worship continues.

