



+ 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
Take time to be still in My Presence. The more hassled you feel, the more you need this sacred space of communion with Me. Breathe slowly and deeply. Relax in My holy Presence while *My Face shines upon you*. This is how you receive My Peace, which I always offer to you. Imagine the pain I feel when My children tie themselves up in anxious knots, ignoring My gift of Peace. I died a criminal’s death to secure this blessing for you. Receive it gratefully; hide it in your heart. My Peace is an inner treasure, growing within you as you trust Me. So, circumstances cannot touch it.
Be still, enjoying Peace in My Presence.
“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” –Ps. 46:10
–from Jesus Calling, p. 300.

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN 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 145
Morning Has Broken, v. 1
**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for
the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them,
springing fresh from the Word!**

+CALL TO WORSHIP Responsively
In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus that we might understand God’s love.
Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.
God’s loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again the message of resurrection, reconciliation, and hope.
Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.
Let a rich awareness of God presence in these moments of worship give us strength and courage to Jesus, the One who loves us the most.
Let our lives be strengthened to be a witness to God’s eternal love for all God’s people.

+INVOCATION Responsively
Source of grace and peace, you call us into being; you keep us in safety; you hold us in life. Far too often, we turn from you, placing our trust in the frail promises of other people and the uncertain security of wealth.
Be with us now. Bring us into your presence. Comfort our pain. Challenge our pride. Enter into our prayer and our praise, that our worship may be pleasing to you. We pray these things in the name of the one who loved us first, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION UMH 159
Lift High the Cross

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION
EPISTLE LESSON II Timothy 2:8-15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Responsively
With the weepers we weep.
With the warriors we yearn for peace.
With the exiles we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from you, O God.
We live in an uncertain world—time and again we turn to people who promise us security.
But God, you are our only source of safety.
**Help us turn to you, our heart’s true home.
Call us again and lead us home.
Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in you.
Source of every blessing, forgive us for the multitude of our wrongdoings.
Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.**

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Hear the words of Jesus: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” Our Savior Jesus Christ abolished sin and death and brought life and immortality to light. By the grace of the Eternal One, we are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit living within us. The peace of Christ is ours, through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.
Amen.

PIANO RESPONSE Thomas Loudin
German Dances II, III, I -Haydn

THE CHURCH RESPONDS WITH GIFTS
OFFERTORY INVITATION
OFFERTORY PRAYER Responsively
Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name.
Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for

being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. 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!
(The children are invited to the Chancel for Wiggletime.)

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

WIGGLETIME *Then, it's to Children's Church*

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *UMH 534*
Be Still My Soul, v. 1

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Responsively*
Resurrecting God, in a doubting world, keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the church universal, the Body of Christ. We pray for this Church family, its joys, its concerns, its responsibilities, and its opportunities. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that we may honor and pass on the great inheritance we have received, that we stand well in the task of making and growing disciples.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.
We pray for the glorious work of your hands in all creation, that we may touch its wounds with healing care and love.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the whole world, its nations, its leaders, and its people, that your wisdom and peace may prevail.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.
We pray for all those in need, the suffering, the oppressed, the ill, the dying, the grieving, and all those who care for them.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.
We pray for ourselves, our families, our children, youth, and college students, and all those we love. We lift one another, out of your love for us, into your ever-abiding presence.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.
Blessed are you, O God, who through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, and in the community of the Holy Spirit, gives us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading, now and forever.

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

THE WORD IN MUSIC
Adam, Katie, Thomas, and Rose Ellen Loudin
Lift Thine Eyes by Mendelssohn, arr. by Robinson

SERMON *Rev. Steve*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 66*
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

+BENEDICTION *Pastor*

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.

