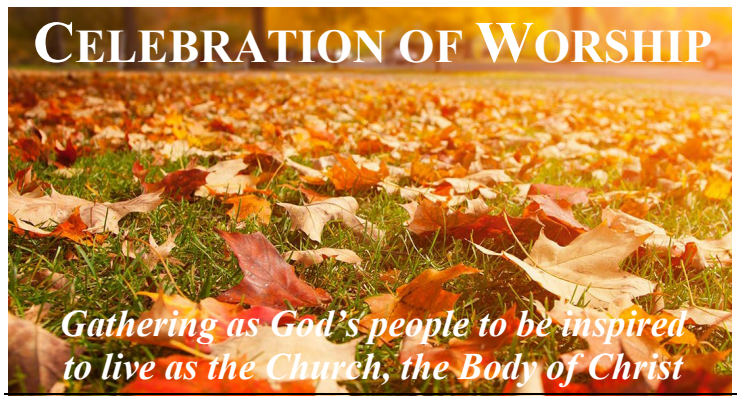




+ Those who are able are invited to stand.
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – The Faith We Sing
You are invited to respond with the **Boldface** responses.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP
*Savior God, welcome us into your household,
that we may bathe in the light of your grace.
Inspire us with your word,
that we may rejoice in the glory of your ways.
Strengthen us with your Spirit,
that we may go forth to serve you
with passion and purpose,
in all that we say, and in all that we do. Amen.*
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 393
Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP Responsively
Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family. We are grateful for those whose love and presence has shaped our lives.

We gather in this place to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, and to pledge ourselves to following Jesus and to God's work in the world.

May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

+INVOCATION Leader
Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world.
Amen.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION to tune of UMH 196
Father, We Have Heard You Calling

- 1. Father, we have heard you calling to your church in every age; for a sign of true devotion for a sacrifice of praise In this place where you have brought us, may we always seek to be one in love and one in worship-children of eternity.**
- 2. Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter, priest and advocate above. We would reach our broken nation with the truth of your great love. So, transform our feeble witness, may we always live to be one in love and one in worship-children of eternity.**
- 3. Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, fall upon us here today. Bring release, bring tears, bring passion, then transform your church, we pray. As you pour your grace upon us, may we always thirst to be one in love and one in worship-children of eternity.**

- 4. Praise we bring to God the Father, praise we bring to God the Son, praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the three in one. Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be one in love and one in worship -children of eternity.**

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

EPISTLE LESSON

I John 1:5-10

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have heard from God's word that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Responsively
Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained but must be poured out. Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven, and our lives are made new.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE

UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision, vv. 1, 5

1. 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 and by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE CHURCH SHARES

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 Children are invited to the Chancel for Wiggletime.

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

WIGGLETIME

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *UMH 496*

Sweet Hour of Prayer, v. 3

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Responsively*

God of grace, hear our prayers for your church, your world, and all those whom we love.

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.
(A brief pause after each petition.)

We pray for those who face disaster: deliver them from evil by your mighty hand.

We pray for those who are lost or lonely: seek them out and bring them home to safety.

We pray for those who suffer persecution and violence: help them and heal them.

We pray for those who are poor and hungry: provide for them by your generous Spirit.

We pray for those who cannot believe: be their refuge and show them your grace.

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.

According to your abundant mercy, receive all these prayers and accomplish your purpose in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord 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.

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*

Eva Atha, director

SERMON *Rev. M. Steven Meadows*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 98*

To God Be the Glory

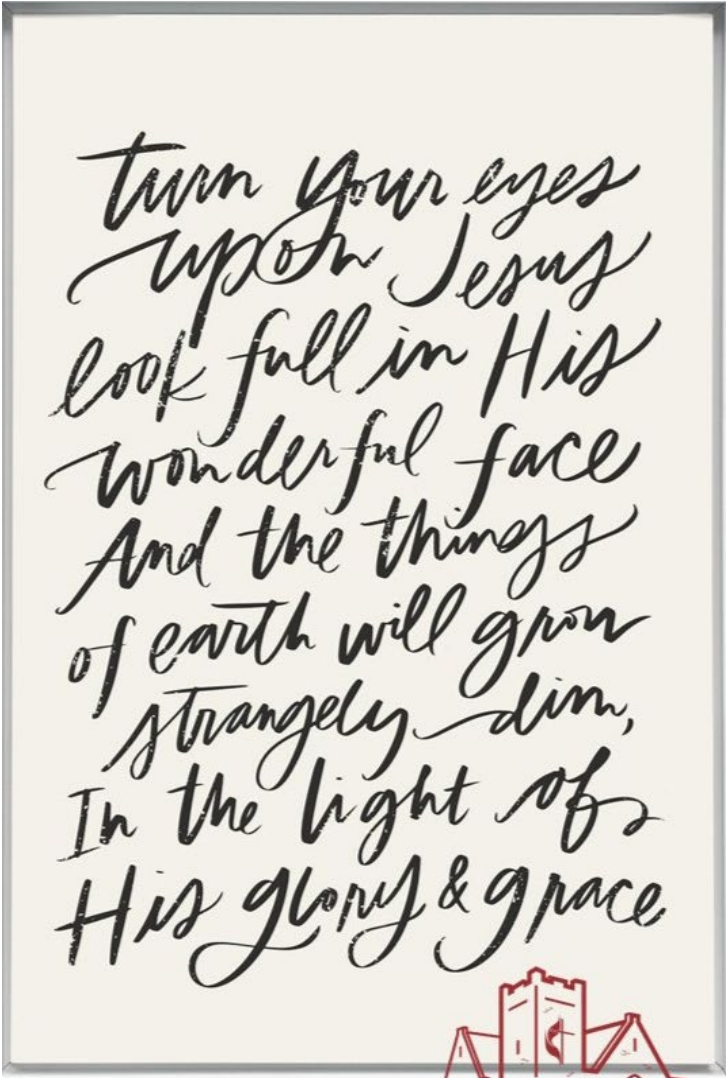
+SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

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+BENEDICTION *Pastor*

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.



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