

Welcome to Worship

**First United Methodist Church
Making Disciples for Jesus Christ and the
Transformation of the World**

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Traditional Worship

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship (*Congregation Bold*)

Rev. Thom M. Shuman

We gather here, where God would teach us:

so we may learn to be more compassionate, so we may be taught how to be more loving.

We gather here, where Jesus would teach us

the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge, the language of hope so we may speak to all.

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,

so we might know how to share grace, so we would learn to welcome all to this fellowship.

*Hymn of Celebration

We Gather Together

UMH 131

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name,
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

***Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 27-39**

UMH 887

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People:

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

*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.*

Children's Moment

Chris Ann Stroech

Prayer of Illumination (*Congregation Bold*)

From distraction in the midst of the sacred reading, save us, Good Lord. From presuming we already know the meaning of the Scriptures that are about to be considered, spare us. Pry open our minds and our hearts, and in the place of their pretense and coldness put the fullness and fire of your life-giving Spirit; For the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12: 1-14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18: 15-20

¹⁵ “If another member of the church^[a] sins against you,^[b] go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.^[c] ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Rev. Bobbie Maltas

Gospel Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;
4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sung Amen

UMH 898

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

God, thank you for the resources that you have placed at our discretion and disposal. We are blessed with people who love us and whom we love, financial and material resources which we enjoy, and opportunities to grow in grace and likeness of Christ. Receive and consecrate these gifts to your service. In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

Offertory

(Undesignated \$1 bills go to support Dollars for Missions.)

*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!*

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Holy One, we have been fed by your Word, inspired by your Spirit and now brought to our knees in humble prayer. We offer thanks for your grace and ask forgiveness for the times we have sinned and fallen short. Cleanse our hearts, empty them of anything that displeases you. And then, Holy One, fill us with love for you and one another as we share in the ministry of all. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

UMH 559

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.
3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.
4. Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*Benediction

Postlude

You're invited to sit and enjoy the postlude.