

Welcome to Worship

**First United Methodist Church
Making Disciples for Jesus Christ and the
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Traditional Worship

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (*Congregation Bold*)

We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

From classroom and kitchen and carpool, we are called into God's presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.

This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people: unity and joy and faith, expressed through different gifts.

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Celebration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all thing so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagles's wings,
e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's car enfolds all,
whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not know his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness
and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord,
who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the task that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

***Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39**

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*)

O God, out of your loving kindness you have given us the Scriptures, that in their testimony we may discover your way. By the power of your Holy Spirit, overcome all obstacles we put in front of you as we seek to protect ourselves from a divine goodness that we find uncomfortable. Remove from us all sense of threat, and in its place put love. For your perfect love cast out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 6: 2-15

² God also spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name 'The LORD' I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵ I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶ Say therefore to the Israelites, 'I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.”⁹ Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

¹⁰ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, ¹¹ “Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.” ¹² But Moses spoke to the LORD, “The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?” ¹³ Thus the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, charging them to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ The following are the heads of their ancestral houses: the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. ¹⁵ The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 20: 1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Message

Rev. Bobbie Maltas

Gospel Hymn

O God of Every Nation

UMH 435

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the right,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sung Amen

UMH 898

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Knowing God, you have given us a never-wanting future. Yet, we often forget the nature of your divine gift. We become entangled in the snares of self-centeredness. Today, we joyfully share these many offerings as a way to release ourselves from being self-focused to being God-focused. In the name of your loving Son, we pray. 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**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH 340

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love and power.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

3. Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel you need of him.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

***Benediction**

Postlude *Please stay tuned in and enjoy the postlude.*