

# 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)**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**For my hope is from God, who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

**On God rests my deliverance and my honor, my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

**Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.**

**All: I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.**

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this: power belongs to God;

**And to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love, for you repay all according to their work.**

**All: I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.**

### **\*Hymn of Celebration**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH 577

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, (of this hour)  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise,  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days; (of these days)  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, (we adore)  
serving thee whom we adore.

**\*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version**

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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 Time**

Chris Ann Stroeck

**Prayer of Illumination (*Congregation Bold*)**

Thanks be to you, O God, for synagogue and church, communities of people that have preserved for us the written testimonies of their experience with you. By the same Spirit that worked among them, minister to us, that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah

began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 1: 14-20

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**Message**

"Inconvenient Calls"

Rev. Bobbie Maltas

**Gospel Hymn**

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia  
Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia  
Al - le - lu - ia  
Al - le - lu - ia  
Al - le - lu - ia!

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Congregation Bold)**

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

**Sung Amen**

UMH 898

**Giving our Tithes and Offerings**

## Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that that you help grow the trust in us, that we might follow without looking back and that we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore, leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. **Amen.**

(Sanctuary worshippers are invited to bring their tithe/offering to the plate on the Chancel.)

## 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 and Church Membership

## \*Hymn of Commitment

*When the Church of Jesus*

UMH 592

1. When the Church of Jesus  
Shuts its outer door,  
Lest the roar of traffic  
Drown the voice of prayer:  
May our prayers, Lord, make us  
Ten times more aware  
That the world we banish  
Is our Christian care.
2. If our hearts are lifted  
Where devotion soars  
High above this hungry  
Suffering world of ours:  
Lest our hymns should drug us  
To forget its needs,  
Forge our Christian worship  
Into Christian deeds.
3. Lest the gifts we offer,  
Money, talents, time,  
Serve to salve our conscience  
To our secret shame:  
Lord, reprove, inspire us  
By the way you give;  
Teach us, dying Savior,  
How true Christians live.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Please stay tuned in or remain in your seats to enjoy the postlude.*