**Being a Disciple Today**

**August 30th, 2020**

**Chimes**

**Greeting**

L: Give thanks to God with all your hearts.

**P: We will hold nothing back from our God.**

L: Glorify God and that Word we know as Jesus Christ.

P: We will worship our God with wonder and joy.

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

* Virtual 5k Run for Returning Veterans
* Update on Holy Conversations
* Drive Through Communion

**\*Invitation to Worship**

L: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

**P: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.**

L: God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

**P: Blessed be God who watches over us.**

L: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

**P: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn** Blest Be The Tie That Binds UMH #557

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you - you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, there and everywhere, now and always. Amen.**

**Children's Moments**

**Special Music Keith White**

**Scripture Romans 12:1-8**

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.[[1]](#footnote-1)

 *Response:*

L: The word of God for the people of God.

 **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Being a Disciple in Today's Political Climate: Part 1

**\*Response** Make Me A Servant TFWS #2176

**Time of Prayer for All People**

* Sharing Joys and Concerns
* Prayer of Confession & Pardon (Unison)

**Precious Lord, strip away the mask I wear during the week to "get by." Lay my soul bare before you today. Let me see genuine love. Show me the love that hates evil and holds on to what is good. Strip away the mask that holds my emotions in check when I should share your love with someone. Let me see the joy of giving to others. Show me the power of blessing those who persecute me. Strip away the mask that grins and lies and lets the world think otherwise about a child of God.**

Pastor: An altar, a pew, a seat on the bus, a kitchen table: all become holy places when we confess before God. Today, in this holy place, God meets us, hears us and forgives us. In this holy place, God empowers us with genuine love to share with a hurting world. Be for God, a holy loving people.

* Pastoral Prayer
* Lord’s Prayer: **Our Father, which 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 forever. Amen.**

**Offering**

* Offertory Sentence: In gratitude for all that you have done for us and given to us, we return a portion of these gifts that they may be used in service to others. Let us receive our morning offering.
* Offertory
* Doxology
* Offertory Prayer: Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

**\*Closing Hymn** Take My Life and Let it Be UMH #399

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

1. [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/nrsv?ref=BibleNRSV.Ro12.1&off=23&ctx=+New+Life+in+Christ%0a~12+I+appeal+to+you+t). (1989). (Ro 12:1–8). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)