

Worship July 7, 2024

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us *Beloved* in the fullness of who we are.

May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2024.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, Who opens our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments, come near to us today. Make known among us and within us your strength, that we might experience your power that uses what the powers of this world call weakness to demonstrate your Almighty love to all creation. Amen.

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Children's Message

Hymn of Faith: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH 126

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed 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.

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Passing of the Peace:

Prayers of the People (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(Reader) The Word of the Lord!

(All) Thanks be to God

Song of Faith: *Everlasting God*

Message: *Open Your Heart: In Weakness and In Strength*

Sacrament of Holy Communion: *(SEE INSERT)*

Opportunities Coming Soon!

Blessing

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

Postlude

***Please come and join us after the service
for Coffee Fellowship!***

Our Staff:

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TODAY'S SERVANTS:

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