



Order of Worship
September 1, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” - UMH #234

The Greeting

*The Invitation to Communion – UMH #12

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Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV)

Congregational Hymn
“Joy to the World” – UMH #246

The Proclamation
“Joy and Strength in the Lord”

The Service of Holy Communion – UMH #13

The Offering

Offertory Response
“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Announcements

Benediction

1. **Labor Day** – Monday, September 2, 2024. Have a happy and safe Labor Day.
2. **Bible Study** – Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will explore Genesis 16 as it explores the relationship between Abram, Sarai and Hagar. If you have questions or just want to learn a little more about how these relationships affect our lives, then please come out. We hope to see you there!
3. **2024 District Lay Servant Training in person.** The Location is at Broad Street UMC in Statesville, NC (315 W Broad St) You must be able to attend both days and attend the entire session each day to receive credit. Please see Mrs. Karla Birt If you are interested.
4. **Appalachian District Charge Conference Period** – September 18 – November 24 – We will need to pick a date.
5. **Lighthouse Training Opportunity** - This training has been designed to help train and equip participants for this holy work. The invitation is for pastors and 2 other persons from your congregation who embody "safety" in terms of authentic welcome, presence, and allowing others to be "most them." The training is focused around three fundamental elements: setting our foundation as United Methodist, building resilient churches, and cultivating a loving and authentic place of belonging.
 - Option one: Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9:30am-5:00pm
College Place UMC (Greensboro)
 - Option two: Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9:30am-5:00pm
First UMC (Newton)

Deadline to Register is October 3, 2024.
Cost: \$10.00 a person
6. **Appalachian District Dialogue Conversations** – Sunday, October 6 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at First Elkin. We need leaders to attend and be a part of the discussion of how we will continue to live into our Methodist heritage.

O Come, All Ye Faithful – UMH #234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold hem, born the King of angels'
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light form Light Eternal,
Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The Invitation to Communion

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:
Glory to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri

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.

The Holy Scripture

Habakkuk 3:17-19

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.”

Joy to the World – UMH #246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
far as the course is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

The Service of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the
prayer that Jesus taught His disciples:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Faither, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.