



WELCOME,

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

and

**CELEBRATIONS** 



#### **PRELUDE**

Let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we bring the *Light of Christ* into our midst.

Leader: Prophets, what do you see?

People: We see the many ways we distract ourselves.

Leader: What else do you see?

People: We see the good and the bad fruits we have produced.

Leader: What do you see today?

People: We witness and worship God today, grateful for love and forgiveness.

AMEN.



#### "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

WORDS: ancient Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; MUSIC: traditional Irish melody; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1963 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable*.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

#### "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

WORDS: ancient Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; MUSIC: traditional Irish melody; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1963 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable*.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

#### "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

WORDS: ancient Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; MUSIC: traditional Irish melody; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1963 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable*.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **OPENING PRAYER**



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As we come before you God, in the presence of our sisters and brothers, help us look honestly at our lives and see what you want them to be. Help us perceive the things and attitudes we need to change. As we open ourselves to your healing presence, fill us with the Spirit of your love and wholeness.





# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



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Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames o fire from within a bush. Moses saw t though the bush was on fire it did no

<sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

<sup>6</sup>Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

<sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has w reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

<sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you:

When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name? what shall I tell them?"

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you." 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



# PSALM READING Psalm 23 UMH 137

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord maketh me lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

# PSALM READING Psalm 23 UMH 137

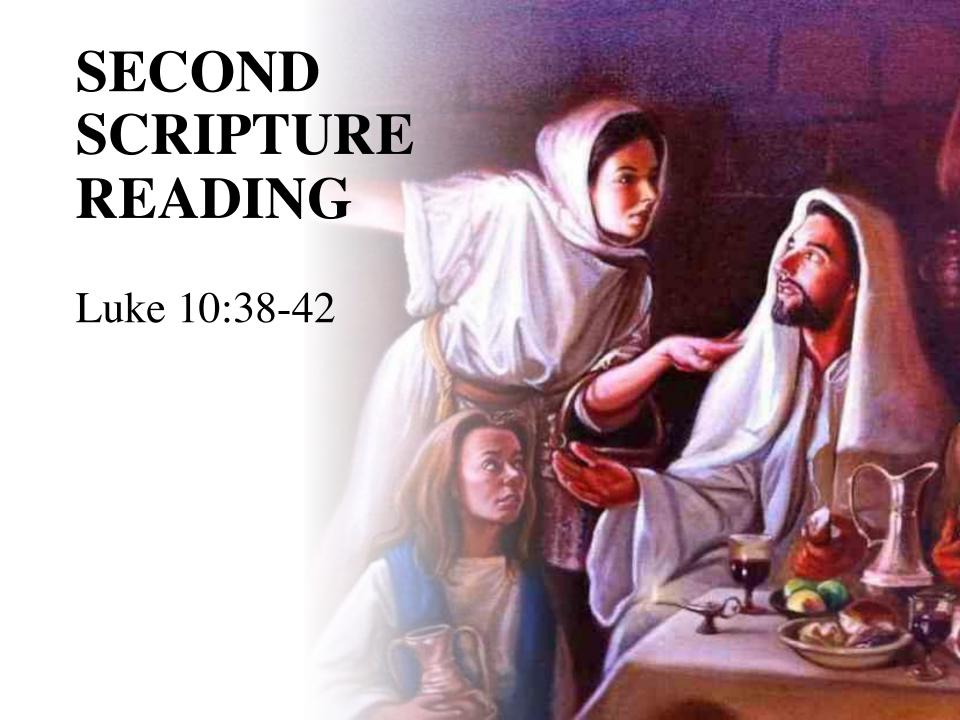
<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

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<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runeth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.

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She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

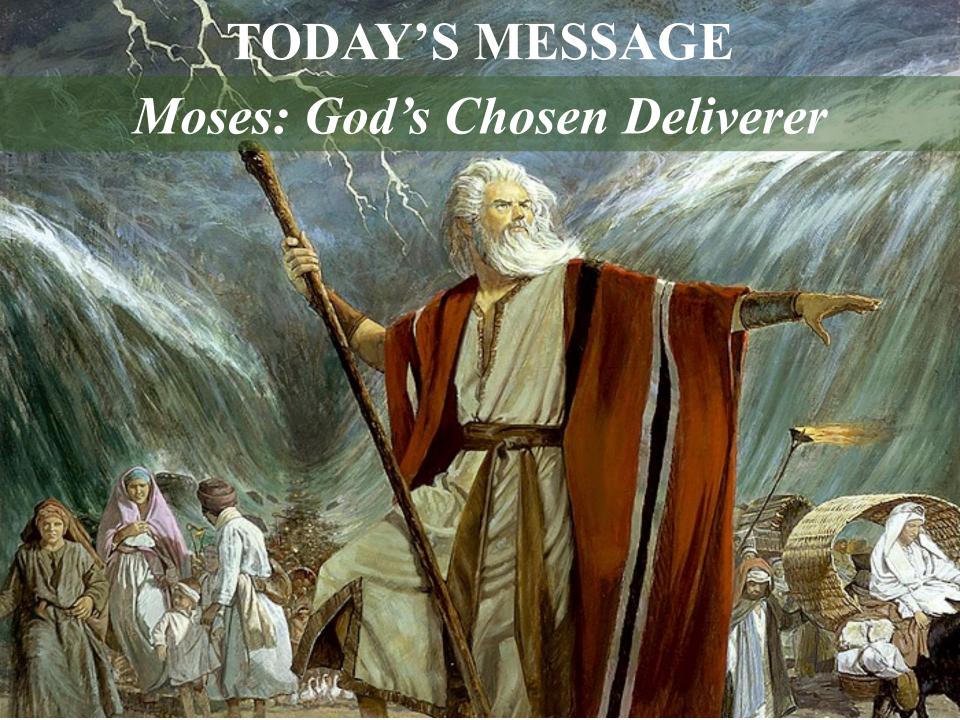
41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42

#### "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.* 

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.





#### "Together We Serve" TFWS 2175

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1998

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.

#### "Together We Serve" TFWS 2175

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1998

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

### "Together We Serve" TFWS 2175

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1998

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

### "Together We Serve" TFWS 2175

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1998

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.



I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.



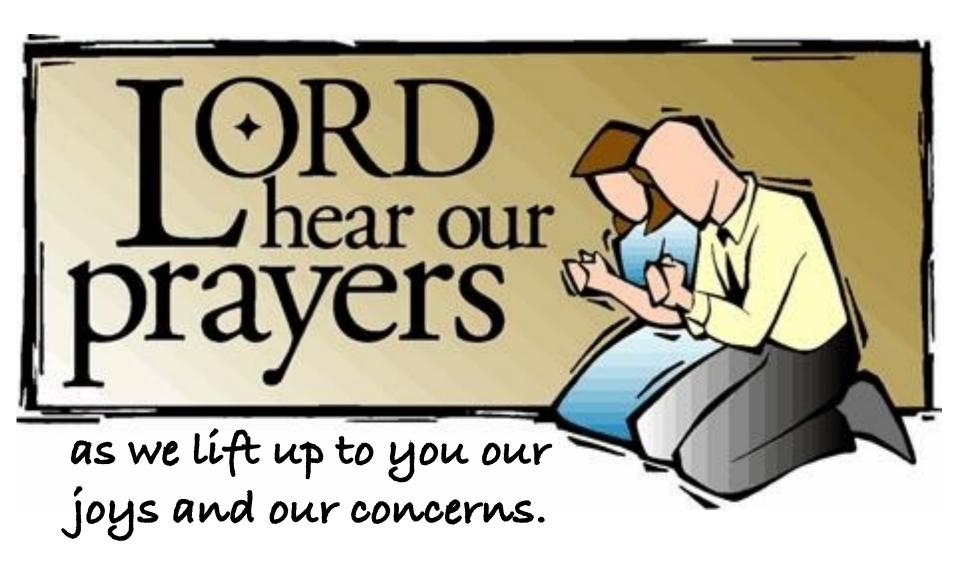
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.



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.



### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE





# Tithes and Offerings

worship through giving

### "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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!



# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



# The Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.



# The Lord's Prayer

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.





WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.* 

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782 MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.* 

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

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> When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

# Rectortown United Methodist Church

Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.