



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.

We cry out -

Restore us, O God!

We petition -

God, May your face shine upon us!

We lift our voices -

We turn toward you, O God and call on your name!

AMEN.



"We Walk by Faith" TFWS 2196

Words: Henry Alford; Music: Attr. to Hugh Wilson Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We walk by faith, and not by sight, no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

"We Walk by Faith" TFWS 2196

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Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

OPENING PRAYER



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Holy God, You offer such goodness to us. You give so much to us, blessing us with resources that many go without. Despite your goodness, humanity has collectively responded selfishly, taking what we can get, using it for our own gain, and not thinking of the consequences. Forgive us for producing rotten fruit when you've given us everything we need so that ALL people can thrive. May we learn to be more like you, bringing forth goodness and care so that good fruit may come to the world. Amen.







PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



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O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.





FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

3"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

Isaiah 5:1-7

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

Isaiah 5:1-7

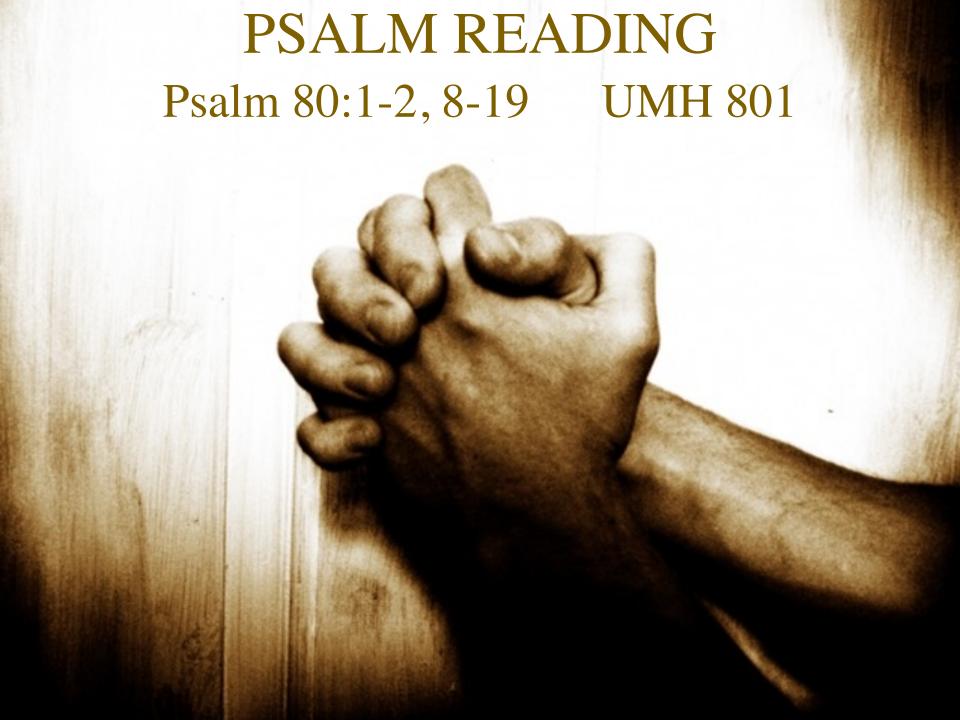
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

⁷The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

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

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 5:1-7



Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! ²In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might, and come to save us! ⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out nations and planted it.

People:

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

People:

¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the river.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

¹²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

People:

¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the filed feed on it.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see:

People:

15 have regard for this vine, the stock which your right hand planted.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

¹⁶They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance!

People:

¹⁷But let your hand be upon those of your right hand, the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

¹⁸Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name!

People:

¹⁹Restore us, O Lord of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 UMH 801

Leader:

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

People:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING



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¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Matthew 16:13-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:13-19

"Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

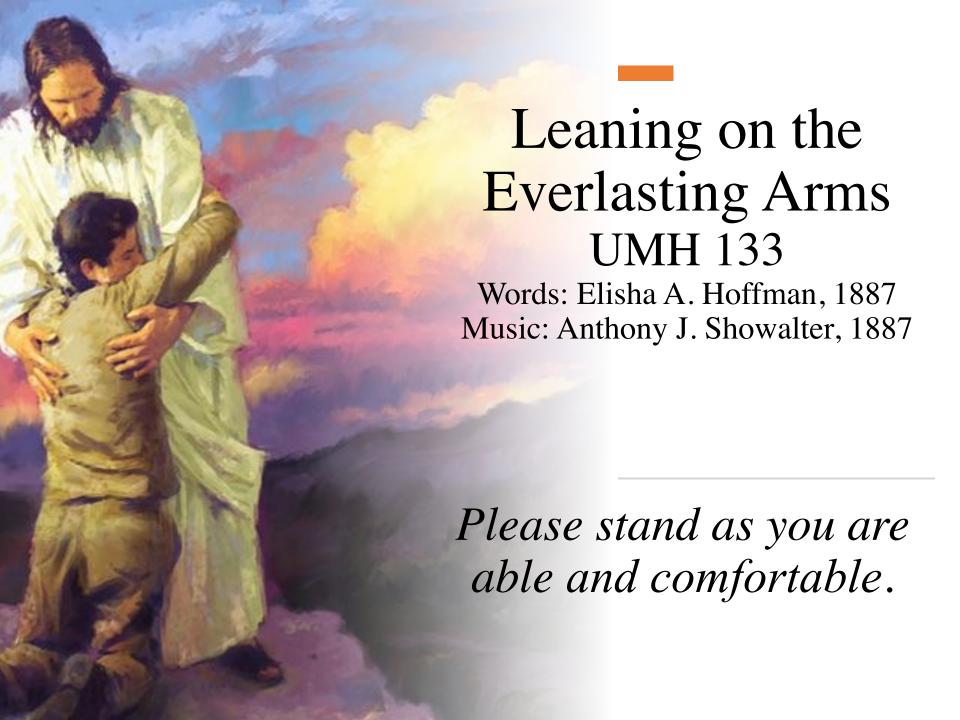
WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

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.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Peter: Rock of the Church"





Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.



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.



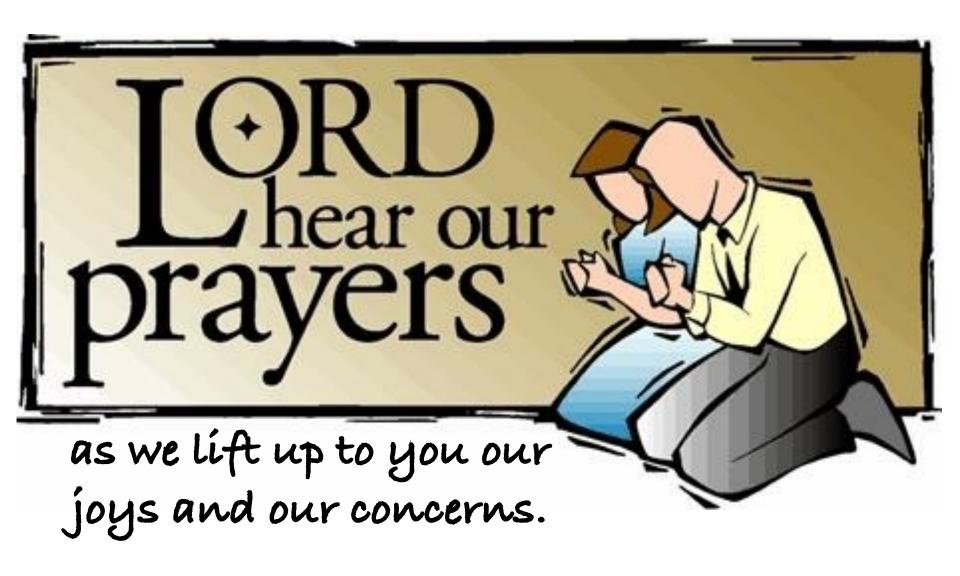
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.



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 UMH 895

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 UMH 895

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



The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.





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MUSIC: African American spiritual, harmonized by Wendell Whalum



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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual, harmonized by Wendell Whalum

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual, harmonized by Wendell Whalum

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual, harmonized by Wendell Whalum

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual, harmonized by Wendell Whalum

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Search my heart while I run this race. Search my heart while I run this race. Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual, harmonized by Wendell Whalum

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!



"Abide With Me" UMH 700 VS1

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 MUSIC: W. H. Monk, 1861 *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Rectortown United Methodist Church

Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.