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Prelude

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: **We come, ready to clear the clutter of our minds and hearts and make room.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: In the wilderness, a voice cries out.

People: **We hear the call to repent, to
release what weighs us down.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we light the candle of Peace. God calls us to prepare the way by decluttering our hearts and making space for Christ.

CALL to WORSHIP

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, our Peacemaker.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the wilderness and
water, you call us to
prepare the way for your
Son. Clear away the
distractions that crowd
our minds. Remove the
fear, pride, and busyness
that fill our hearts.**



OPENING PRAYER

**Create in us a spacious
place where your peace
can take root and grow.**

**Meet us here and now in
this place of worship and
stay with us for a while. It
is in the name of the One
who is our Peacemaker
that we pray. Amen.**



“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211

WORDS: 9th century Latin MUSIC: 15th century French

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211

WORDS: 9th century Latin MUSIC: 15th century French

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211

WORDS: 9th century Latin MUSIC: 15th century French

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

Young Disciples' Message



Prayer For Illumination

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me,
use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**



Isaiah 40: 1 – 11

NRSVUE

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your
God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty
is paid, that she has received from the LORD's
hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together, for the
mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What
shall I cry?" All flesh is grass; their constancy
is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers; the flower fades, [[when
the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely
the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers; the flower fades,]] but
the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion,
herald of good news; lift up your voice with
strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good
news; lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities
of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and
his arm rules for him; his reward is with him
and his recompense before him.

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.



Mark 1: 1 – 8

NRSVUE

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus
Christ.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I
am sending my messenger ahead of you, who
will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,' "

⁴ so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.

⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Word of God for
the people of God

Thanks be to God



Sermon

“Room in Your Heart”



INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

***Please continue to stand as
you are able and
comfortable.***

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

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.

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

People: **Merciful God, we confess that
we have not loved you with
our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an
obedient church.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

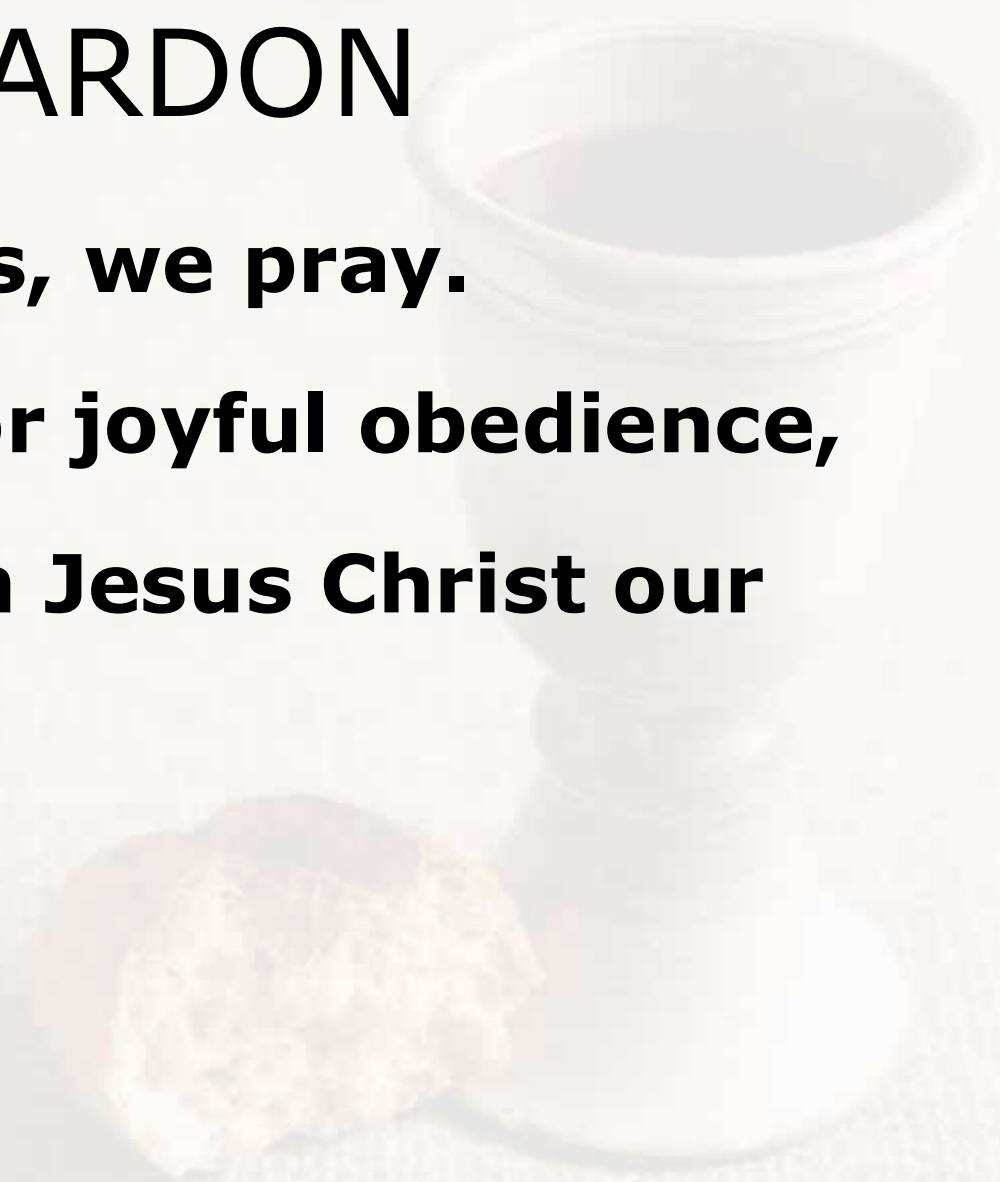
People: **We have not done your will, we
have broken your law, we
have rebelled against your
love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not
heard the cry of the needy.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

People: **Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

Amen.



INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:

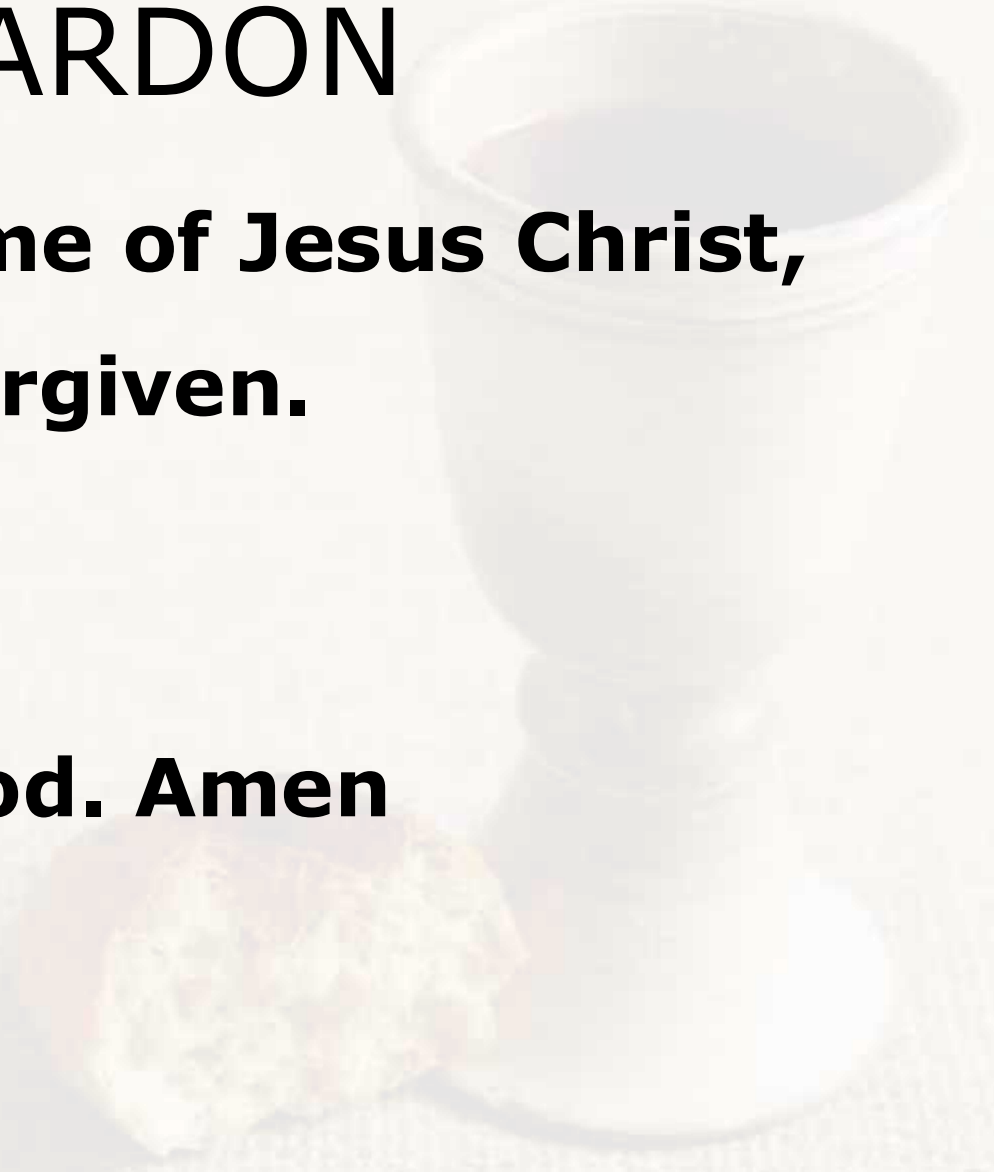
Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's
love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven!

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen**





Passing of the Peace

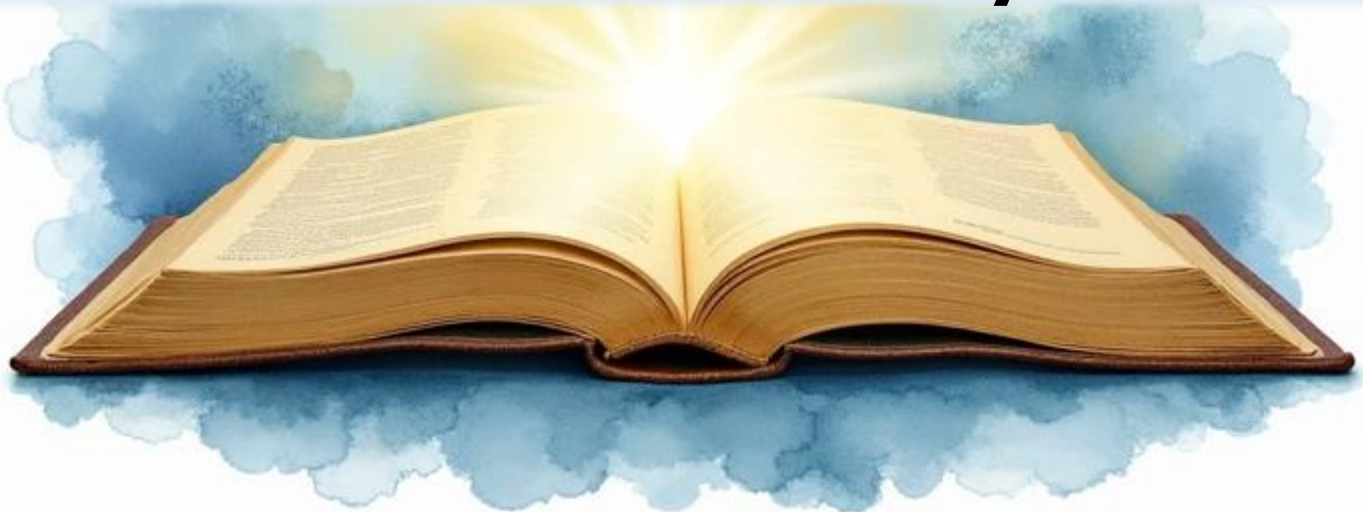


Prayers of the People

Lord,
hear our prayers
as we lift up to
you, our joys
and concerns.



Pastoral Prayer



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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 background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. In the lower portion of the image, two hands are visible, palms facing upwards in a gesture of prayer or offering. The hands are slightly out of focus, blending into the overall ethereal and warm aesthetic of the scene.

Offertory Prayer

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the
Lord.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

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

People: **It is right to give
thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Almighty God, 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:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS 2257 (sung)

***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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: 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."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: 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."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

***All*: Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

Leader: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now, and forever.

All: Amen.

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

Breaking the Bread & Giving the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

A small, dark-colored church with a white cross on its roof is nestled in a snowy landscape. The church has a small steeple and a wooden door. The scene is surrounded by snow-covered evergreen trees. The word "Benediction" is written in a large, elegant, black script font across the center of the image, overlaid on a semi-transparent light brown rectangular background.

Benediction

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

**serving God with
Prayer, Action, and Love
through Service.**