

Prelude

Pastor: TaeWon Kang

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14th, 2024

CCLI License: 3430384-01-1829



Bringing In The Light of Christ

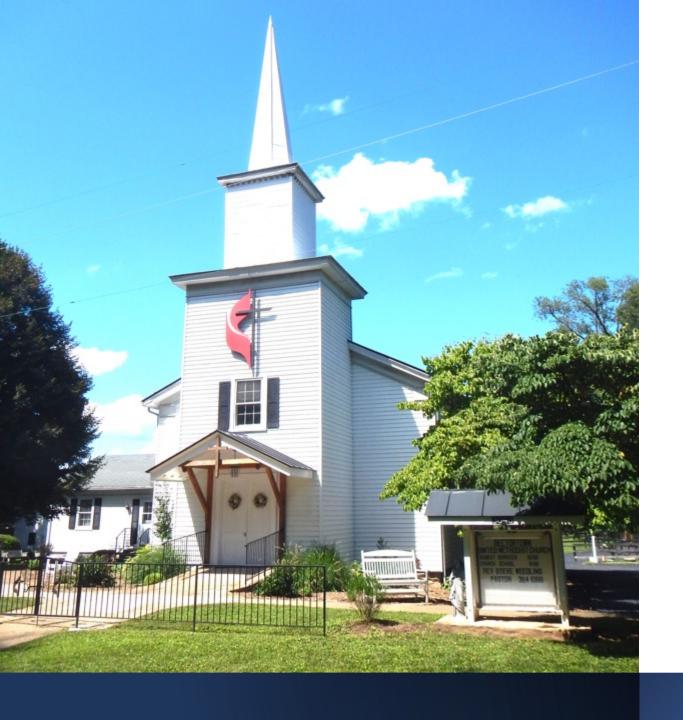


WELCOME,

ANNOUNCEMENTS,

and

CELEBRATIONS



Give Thanks

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.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

People: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Leader: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

People: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

People: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives.

AMEN.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19th Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19th Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19th Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19th Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779 MUSIC: 19th Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779

MUSIC: 19th Century USA melody, harmonization by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

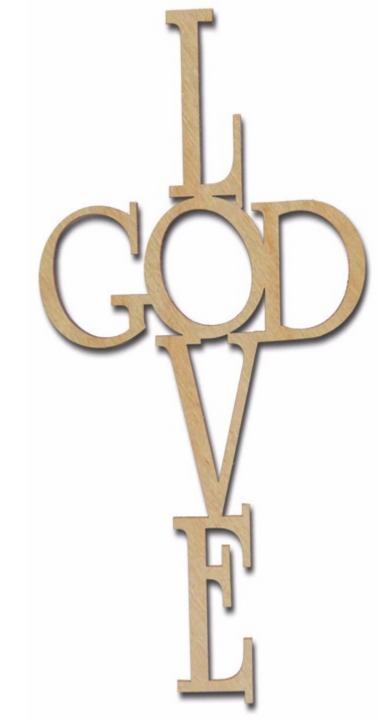
OPENING PRAYER

Lord of the dance, creator of whirling winds and shimmering flames, move in us this day. Breathe life into our songs of praise.



OPENING PRAYER

Set our hearts ablaze to your word. May our worship bring joy to you, Lord. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.





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.





- ¹David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand.
- ² He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark.

³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart 4 with the ark of God on it, [c] and Ahio was walking in front of it.

⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, [d] harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

12 Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

- 13 When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.
- 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might,
 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

16 As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD.

- After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty.
- 19 Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Leader: ¹The earth is the Lord's and the fullness therein...

People: the world and those who dwell therein...

Leader: ²for God has founded it upon the seas...

People: and established it upon the rivers.

Leader: ³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

People: And who shall stand in God's holy place?

Leader: ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts...

People: who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Leader: ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord...

People: and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Leader: ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord...

People: who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Leader: ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the Ruler of glory may come in.

People: 8 Who is the Ruler of glory?

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

People: ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the Ruler of glory may come in.

Leader: ¹⁰Who is the ruler of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, the Lord is the Ruler of glory!



¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

- 16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod[e] had married her.
- ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

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.



Sermon

" Whom Shall We Dance For?"

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.

What can avail
to wash it away?

Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today.

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive?

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

UMH 881

I believe in God

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

UMH 881

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;

UMH 881

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

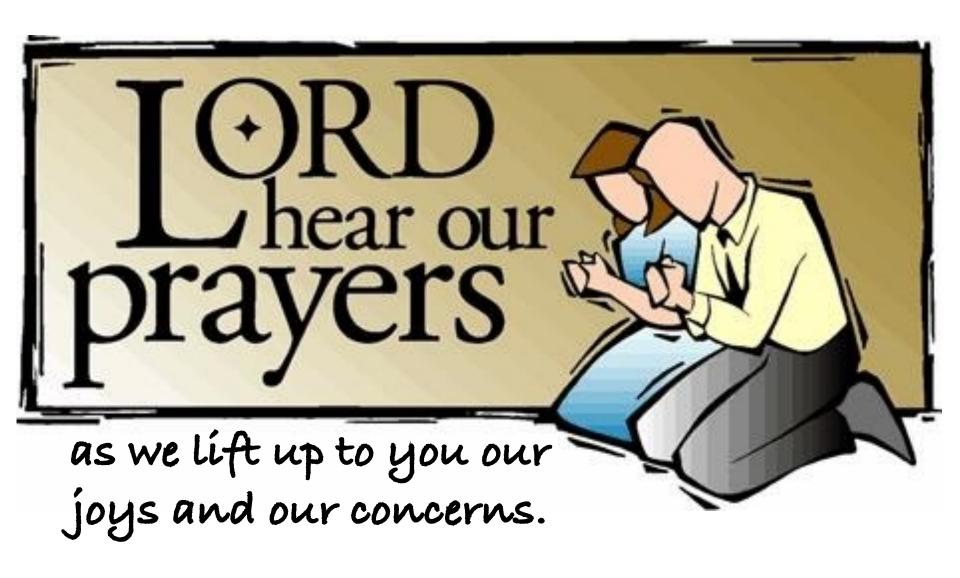
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

UMH 881

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





Pastoral Prayer



"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.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

WORDS: Franny J. Crosby, 1873 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.



"Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World" TFWS 2239

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

"Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World" TFWS 2239

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the gospel to all the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

"Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World" TFWS 2239

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1979

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all believers.
Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



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.