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Prelude

Pastor Eduardo
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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: The God of justice and mercy calls
us to gather.

People: **We come, listening for the Word
of life.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit stirs our hearts with
courage.

People: **We come, ready to be moved
and renewed.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship with reverence and hope.

People: **Let us worship the Lord with open hearts.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy and Living God, we
come before you seeking
more than comfort, we
long for your truth.**

**Surprise us with your
presence and shake us
from routine,**



OPENING PRAYER

**so that we may be open to
all you are doing in and
through us. Make us
attentive, willing, and
awake in this hour. Amen.**



“Standing on the Promises” UMH 374

WORDS and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

“Standing on the Promises” UMH 374

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

A photograph of three children running through a vast field of colorful flowers, likely cosmos, under bright, warm sunlight. The children are seen from behind, running away from the camera towards the horizon. The field is filled with a variety of flower colors including orange, yellow, pink, and white. The background is softly blurred, emphasizing the children and the foreground flowers.

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 5: 1 – 7

NRSVUE

¹I will sing for my beloved my love song
concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a
vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and
planted it with choice vines; he built a
watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a
wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.


³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the
house of Israel, and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden; he expected
justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but
heard a cry!

The background image shows two men in silhouette, facing each other. Between them is a bright, jagged, yellow-white light that resembles a crack in the earth or a powerful energy source. The scene is set in a dark, wooded area with evergreen trees visible in the background. The sky is a deep red on the left and a dark blue-grey on the right. The entire image is framed by a white, hand-drawn style border.

Luke 12: 49 – 56

NRSVUE

49 “I have come to cast fire upon the earth,
and how I wish it were already ablaze!

50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized,
and what constraint I am under until it is
completed!

51 Do you think that I have come to bring
peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather
division!

52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens.

55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens.

56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Word of God for
the people of God

Thanks be to God



Sermon

“Set the World on Fire”

“Guide My Feet” TFWs 2208

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!

“Guide My Feet” TFWWS 2208

WORDS: African American spiritual

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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!

“Guide My Feet” TFWs 2208

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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!

“Guide My Feet” TFWWS 2208

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!

“Guide My Feet” TFWS 2208

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!

“Guide My Feet” TFWs 2208

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

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;

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

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.

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

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.

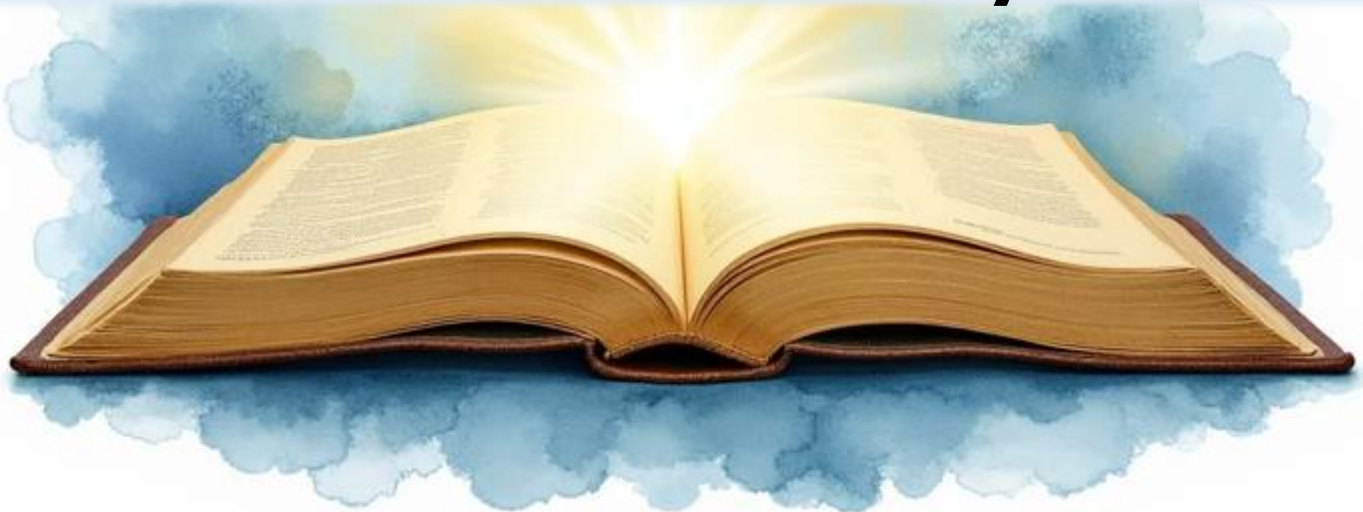


Prayers of the People

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



Pastoral Prayer



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



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!



Offertory Prayer

“Abide With Me” UMH 700

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.

“Abide With Me” UMH 700

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 MUSIC: W. H. Monk, 1861

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Swift to its close
ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim;
its glories pass away;
change and decay
in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not,
abide with me.

“Abide With Me” UMH 700

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 MUSIC: W. H. Monk, 1861

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I need thy presence
every passing hour.

What but thy grace can
foil the tempter's power?

Who, like thyself, my
guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,
abide with me.

“Abide With Me” UMH 700

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 MUSIC: W. H. Monk, 1861

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

I fear no foe, with
thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and
tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where,
grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou
abide with me.

“Abide With Me” UMH 700

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 MUSIC: W. H. Monk, 1861

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Hold thou thy cross
before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and
point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.

A soft-focus photograph of a field of daisies in shades of pink and white. The sun is shining from the upper left, creating a warm, golden glow and lens flare effects across the scene. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some in sharp focus in the foreground and others blurred in the 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.**