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Prelude

Pastor TaeWon
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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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Bringing In The Light of Christ

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: Wrap yourselves in the healing
love of God!

People: **We seek God's presence in our
lives.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

People: **Even though we have not produced the “fruits” of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

People: **We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and eternal God,
you call us into a new way
of being and give us so
many second chances in
life. May your love wash
over us, as we turn
toward you from our
sinful ways.**



OPENING PRAYER

**Mold us as your people in
new and powerful ways,
that we may be true
disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ, in whose
name we pray. Amen.**



“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

WORDS: William Williams, 1745 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

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**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

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**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

A photograph of three children running through a vast field of colorful flowers, likely daisies, under bright, warm sunlight. The children are seen from behind, their hair blowing in the wind. The scene is filled with a sense of joy and freedom. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text.

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 55: 1 – 9

NRSVUE

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not
know,
and nations that do not know you shall run
to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have
mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the
earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM READING

Psalm 63 UMH 788

Leader: ¹O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirst for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

People: ²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

PSALM READING

Psalm 63 UMH 788

Leader: ³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People: ⁴So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

PSALM READING

Psalm 63 UMH 788

Leader: ⁵My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, ⁶when I think of you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night...

PSALM READING

Psalm 63 UMH 788

People: ⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I
sing for joy. ⁸My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

PSALM READING

Psalm 63 UMH 788

Leader: ⁹But those who seek to
destroy my life shall go down into
the depths of the earth...


People: ¹⁰they shall be given over
to the power of the sword, they shall
be prey for jackals.

PSALM READING

Psalm 63 UMH 788

Leader: ¹¹But the king shall
rejoice in God...

People: all who swear in God's
name shall glory; but the mouths
of liars will be stopped.



Luke 13: 1 - 9

NRSVUE

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”

3 No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem?

⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

7 So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

Glory Be to the Father

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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

“Repentance to Jesus’
Justice”

“There Is A Balm in Gilead” UMH 375

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual

Arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin sick soul.

“There Is A Balm in Gilead” UMH 375

WORDS and MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual

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Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain.

But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

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If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say he died for all.

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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

UMH 881

Traditional Version

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.

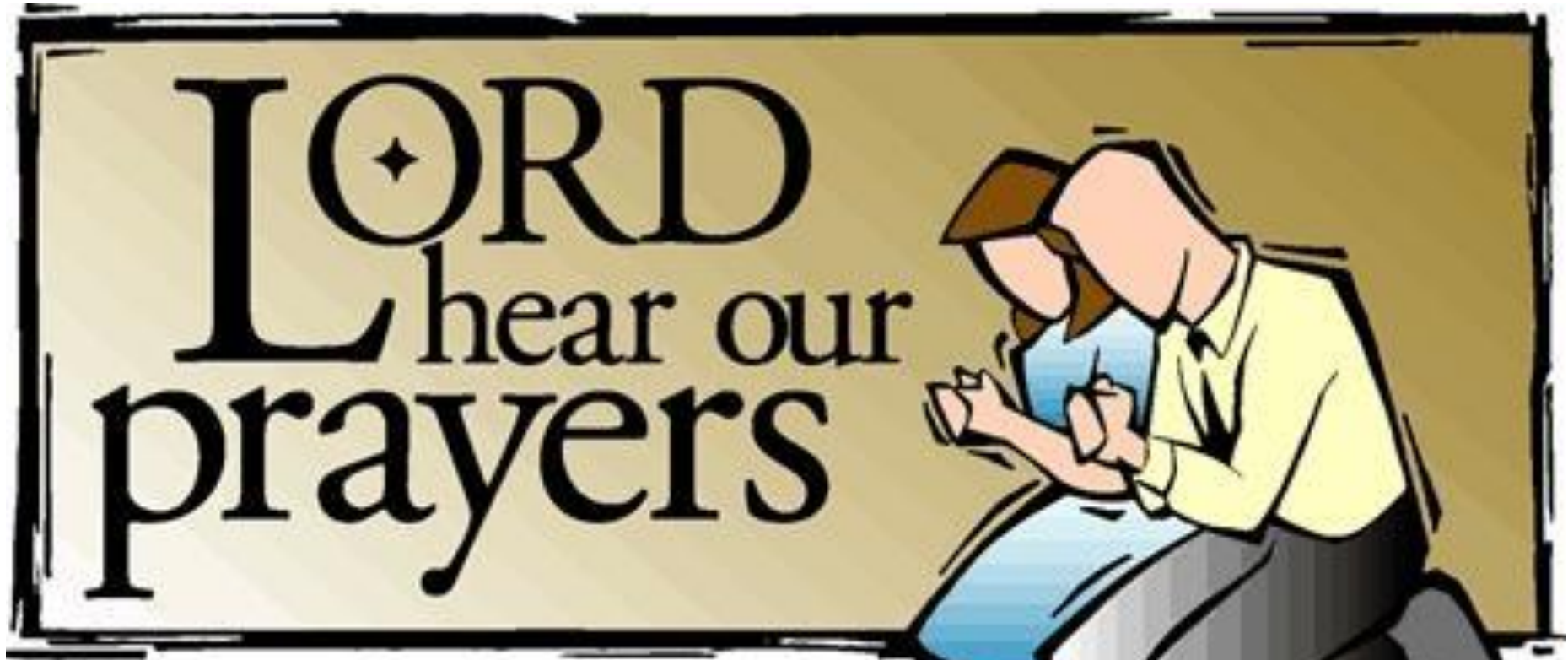
The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

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



**as we lift up to you our
joys and our 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!

A close-up photograph of a cluster of flowers, likely pansies or violas, in shades of purple and white with bright yellow centers. The flowers are densely packed and fill the entire frame. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered horizontally across the middle of the image, containing the text.

Offertory Prayer

“We Walk by Faith” TFWS 2196

Words: Henry Alford; Music: Attr. to Hugh Wilson
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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!”

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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.

“We Walk by Faith” TFWS 2196

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of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
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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, **A**ction, and **L**ove
through **S**ervice.