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Prelude

Pastor TaeWon
Kang

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Epiphany*

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Bringing In The Light of Christ



WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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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: Happy are those who walk in
God's ways.

People: **Blessed are those who observe
God's commandments.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: **Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: **We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Come, Holy One: teach us
your ways, lead us in your
paths, guide us on our
journey. Speak to us your
words of life, for you offer
us direction and
wholeness when we hear
your voice and follow.**



OPENING PRAYER

**You bless us with your
love, shower us with your
grace, and help us grow in
faith. We seek you, O God,
with all our hearts. Be
with us in this time of
worship.**



OPENING PRAYER

**We Glorify you, and Love
you, O good and gracious
Lord. In the name of
Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.**



The background of the slide features five heart-shaped ornaments hanging from a thin, light-colored string. The hearts are arranged in a slightly curved line across the frame. From left to right, the first heart is white with small red polka dots. The second heart is red with white stars. The third heart is white with a red and white checkered pattern. The fourth heart is light pink with white stars. The fifth heart is red with white polka dots. The entire scene is set against a soft, out-of-focus light blue background.

Young Disciples' Message

My Jesus, I Love Thee

172

WORDS: William R. Featherstone, 1864

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

172

WORDS: William R. Featherstone, 1864

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

172

WORDS: William R. Featherstone, 1864

3. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll
ever adore thee in heaven so bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown
on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis
now.

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.**





Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10

NRSVUE

5 Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

9 The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

10 I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

PSALM READING

Psalm 1 UMH 738

Leader: ¹Blessed are those who do not walk
in the counsel of the wicked;

People: or stand in the way of sinners,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

PSALM READING

Psalm 1 UMH 738

Leader: ²but their delight is
in the law of the Lord,

People: and on God's law they
meditate day and night.

PSALM READING

Psalm 1 UMH 738

Leader: ³They are like trees planted by
streams of water that yield their fruit in
season, and their leaves do not wither.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

PSALM READING

Psalm 1 UMH 738

Leader: ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

People: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

PSALM READING

Psalm 1 UMH 738

Leader: ⁶for the Lord knows
the way of the righteous,

People: but the way of
the wicked will perish.



Luke 6: 17 – 26

NRSVUE

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

19 And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and
when they exclude you, revile you, and
defame you on account of the Son of Man.

23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for
that is how their ancestors treated the false
prophets.

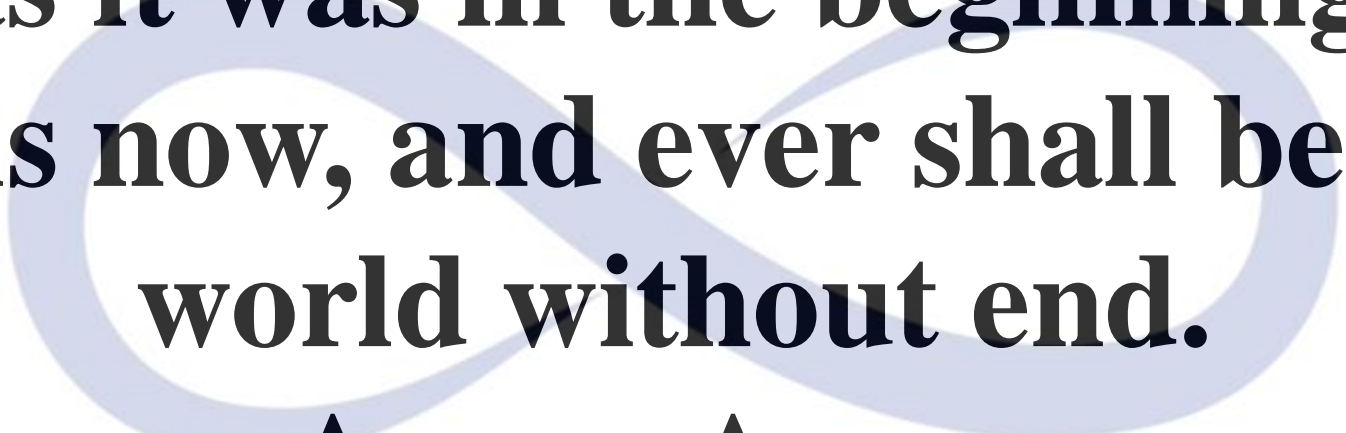
Glory Be to the Father

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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

“Those Who Are
Blessed”

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we
reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

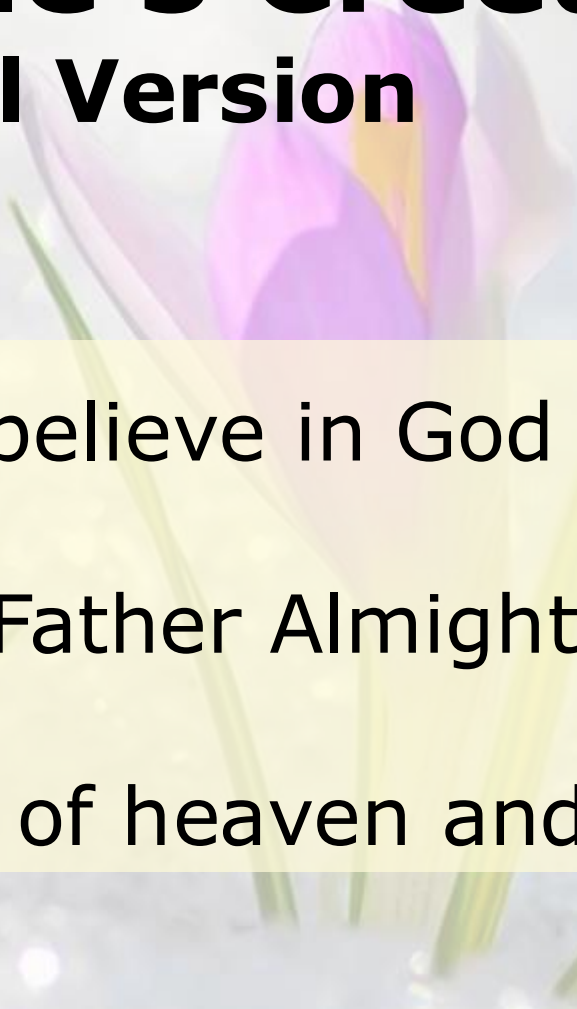
Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

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;

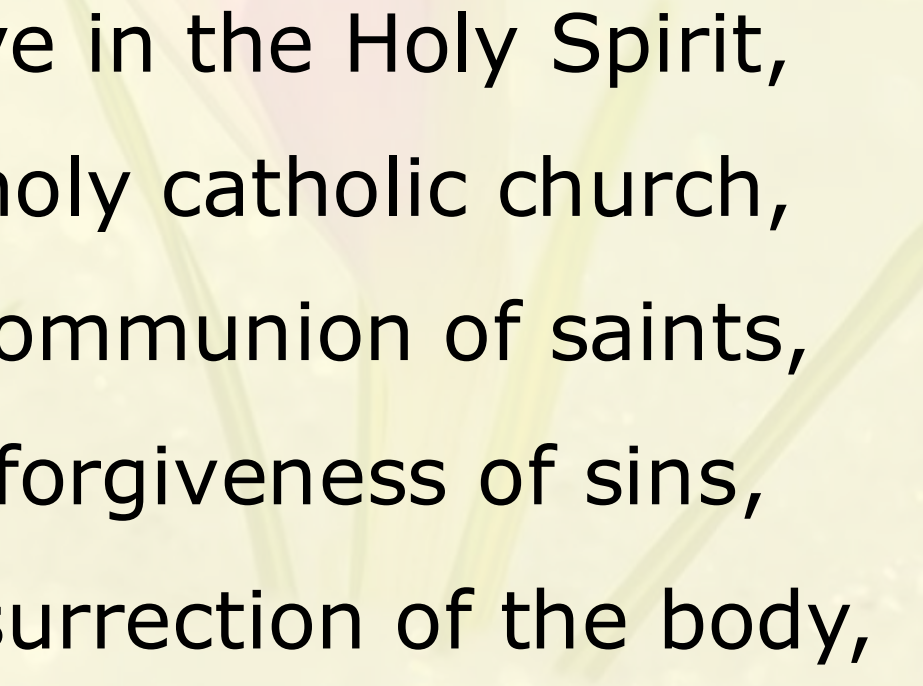
from thence he shall come to judge the quick

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





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!

The background of the image is a dense field of flowers. In the center, there is a prominent white flower with five petals and a bright yellow center. Surrounding it are numerous purple flowers, also with yellow centers, some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The overall color palette is soft, with pastel purples and whites against a slightly darker, muted background.

Offertory Prayer

“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” TFWs 2208

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!

“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.

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” TFWWS 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!

Benediction





POSTLUDE

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.**