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Prelude Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church Opening Prayer Light Altar Candles & Procession of Leaders



Invitation to Worship:

A new world awaits

Through an open door.

Welcome into the house of God.

Discover renewal and new life.

Find hope and blessing.

Taste joy and forgiveness.

A new world awaits.

Sing praise to God who beckons us to dwell in the new community of the redeemed.

*Hymn of Praise: "Great Is Th	y Faithfulness" UMH #140
1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;	Refrain:
there is no shadow of turning with thee;	Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail	Morning by morning new mercies I see;
not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.	all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
	great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and	3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses	thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
above join with all nature in manifold	strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and	blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
love. Refrain	Refrain

Prayer of the Congregation:

Gracious God, we are prone to wander from you. We know that you alone can lead us to right paths, streams of living water and resources that feed us, but we are easily distracted, frequently frightened and stubbornly bent on making our own way. Still, you call us. Still, you whisper words of salvation, new life, strength and peace. Thank you for your constant grace and mercy. In humility and faith, we turn to you again and follow you. For the sake of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance & Pardon:

God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer Loose Change Offering Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/*Doxology UMH#95

Written Word of the Lord Epistle: I Corinthians 11:1-16

11 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 2 I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions just as I handed them on to you. 3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ. 4 Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head shames his head, 5 but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled shames her head—it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved. ⁶ For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair, but if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut off or to be shaved, she should wear a veil. 7 For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God, but woman is the reflection of man. 8 Indeed, man was not made from woman but woman from man. 9 Neither was man created for the sake of woman but woman for the sake of man. 10 For this reason a woman ought to have authority over her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. 12 For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman, but all things come from God. 13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled? 14 Does not nature itself teach you that, if a man wears long hair, it is dishonoring to him, 15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. 16 But if anyone is disposed to be contentious—we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-15

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?" 6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me

with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' 8 "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." 9 Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' 11 But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God), 12 then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, 13 thus nullifying the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

Hymn of Preparation: "I Am Thine O Lord" UMH #419

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1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,	Refrain:
and it told thy love to me;	Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
but I long to rise in the arms of faith	to the cross where thou hast died.
and be closer drawn to thee.	Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed
	Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,	3 . O the pure delight of a single hour
by the power of grace divine;	that before thy throne I spend,
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,	when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my
and my will be lost in thine.	God, I commune as friend with friend!
(Refrain)	(Refrain)
4. There are depths of love that I cannot	
know till I cross the narrow sea;	
there are heights of joy that I may not reach	
till I rest in peace with thee.	
(Refrain)	

Spoken Word

Rev. Peter Michael Aguilar

*Hymn of Commitment: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH #402

- 1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
- **3** Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
- 2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
- 4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Benediction

*Please stand, as you are able (UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing)



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:

The Families of.... Pat Reardon, Bruce Fowler, Dave Rosberg, David Courtright, Collin Clay Bode son of Clay & Diane Bode, Jayson Mumme the grandson of Steve & Jamie Epps, Fran Hoerster.

..and for the following individuals: Jean Reardon, Cookie Underwood, Abel Alba, Sophia Ory, Carl Langley, Tiani Tovar Finn, Braden Kangos (5 yr. old with Leukemia), Burley & Mary Polk, Kathy McKeown, Anne Chappell, Connar Reardon, Trenton & Azzy Merrit son and grandson of Bridget Langdale, Jess Irwin's sister Sylvia, Mary & Darrell Vines, Paul Smith, Everett Andrews (3 year old child of Candice and Nathan Andrews), Linnda Graham, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, Larry Kahan & Ryne and all the family, Kathy & Ted Kerr, Shirley Beth Lyles, Mark Lehmberg, Carlene Brollier, McKenna Brandenberger (missionary), Vernon & Kathy Fritze, Loy Williams, Terry Lange, Carol Jordan, , the church, Steve and Debra Moore, and Mark Grosse All those effected by war.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military.

U.S.Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer

USAF: Matt Adam & Kaleb Owen

US Navy: Ferd T. Slocum III, James Vacek & Truman Coe

MINISTERS—ALL MEMBERS OF FUMC STAFF—LISTED BELOW

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Music Leader: George Eastes
Ushers: Volunteers



Volunteers Needed For City Wide Garage Sale......

We need lots of volunteers to help set up, organize, and price items on April 25 & 26 and to run the garage sale and clean up on Sat., April 27. Please scan this QR code w/your phone or visit our church website for the link to sign up! Please drop off your donations in the social hall this week.

Vacation Bible School will be hosted here, at FUMC, July 22-24 from 9:00-11:30am. Children entering Kindergarten-6th grade this fall are invited to join us. Older students are encouraged to volunteer. Scan this QR code to register your kids, grandkids, or friends' kids! Contact Deandra for question.





This week's Calendar

Sunday, April 21st

Birthdays: Heidi Smith

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00-7:00 PM Dinners for 8 Group Gathering

Monday, April 22nd

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Tuesday, April 23rd

Birthdays: Brandon Willis 9:00 AM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, April 24th

Birthdays: John Ory

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

6:00-7:00 PM Boys Scouts

Thursday, April 25th

Birthdays: Samuel Simonton

Garage Sale items need to be dropped off.

5:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, April 26th

Birthdays: Ted Kerr

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

Garage Sale Set-up

Saturday, April 27th

City Wide Garage Sale

Sunday, April 28th

Birthdays: John Armour

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

Giving and Attendance

LAST WEEK'S GIVING	\$2,253.00
YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING	\$93,850.98
LAST YEAR TO DATE	\$105,021.05
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	63