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Membership in the United Methodist Church is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord of their life. We recognize all former church memberships, baptisms or if you are uniting with a church family for the first time. If you desire to make Swansboro United Methodist Church your church family, please indicate so on the Connection Card provided in your pew, indicating the date and service you wish to be received. It makes a difference to have those you can call, “my church family.”

The flowers on the altar are free for you to take at the end of the service if you would like to take them to the Cottages, to a friend, or take them home. They are replaced each week.

NOTES



“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



September 20, 2020

8:30 am

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Morning Worship on the Lord's Day

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Prelude "Come Ye Saints"
Terri Boykin

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise the Lord who has reconciled us to God and one another through Jesus Christ!

Praise the Lord who draws us together, making us one in friendship, unity, and peace!

*Hymn UMH #98 "To God Be the Glory"

*Opening Prayer

God of mercy and truth, we confess that we often handle conflict in unhealthy and dysfunctional ways. Instead of following the teachings of Jesus that create a path toward reconciliation, we do things like withdraw, blame, evade, and threaten. Forgive us for our divisiveness and self-righteousness. Give us a holy boldness that is at once direct, honest, and loving. Empower us to be a non-anxious presence in the midst of conflict, and fill us with a divine longing for the restoration of all broken relationships. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

*The Peace

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us now show one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Wave to one another and remains in seats)

Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:10-14

Cheryl Epperson

Call to Prayer "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Trish Smith

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

*The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

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 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.

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.

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Glory by 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.

Anthem "Holy Ground"
Trish Smith

Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon "Where Two or Three Meet"

Pastor Kevin

Giving our Tithes and Offering

Offertory Song "I'm Free"
Trish Smith

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Terri Boykin

The congregation is asked to please wear a mask when moving closer to others not in your family/bubble and also if you sing along with hymns and songs. Help us model neighbor-love as we seek to keep all safe.