

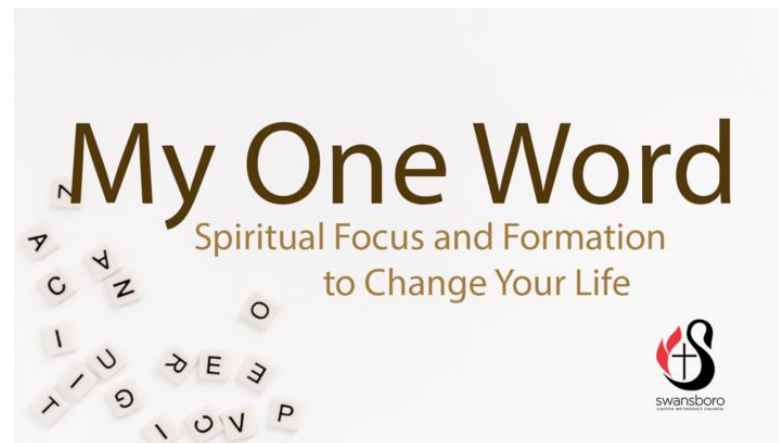
Membership in the United Methodist Church is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord of their life. We recognize all former church memberships, baptisms, or if you are uniting with a church family for the first time. If you desire to make Swansboro United Methodist Church your church family, please 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”



January 17, 2021

8:30 am

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Morning Worship on the Lord's Day

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation"

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, Holy Spirit: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

Inhabit the praise of your people and guide our feet in the path of righteousness.

*Hymn UMH #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

*Opening Prayer

Awesome God, you have created us for life and relationship, but we too often let the things around us draw our attention away from you. You know our thoughts and you know our sins and insecurities. Forgive us for the ways we distrust you. Bid us to come to you even when winds and waves around us seem to threaten our undoing. Help us to know the limits of our human capabilities, yet also the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (all pray in silence)

*Assurance of Pardon

The God who has made us will never desert us.

The God of creation is creating still, making us new.

The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ

is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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

*The Peace

Lift your eyes and look around both here and those at home. Christ is our peace and our portion. As forgiven and reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Wave to One another and remains in seats)

Scripture Lesson Psalm 90:12-17 Joanne Scholl

Call to Prayer "Open Our Eyes, Lord"
Carol Schull

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer (UMH #895)

*A Statement of Faith (UMH #883)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri (UMH #71)

Anthem

"Blessing"

Carol Schull

*Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

"A Lens not a Promise"

Pastor Kevin

Giving our Tithes and Offering

Offertory Song

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*Doxology UMH #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #344 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

"The Solid Rock"

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.

***Indicates Congregation Standing as Able.** Hearing Aids, Large Print Bibles, Large Print Hymnals are available. If you need any of these, please see an usher or greeter. **Please silence all cell phones.**

