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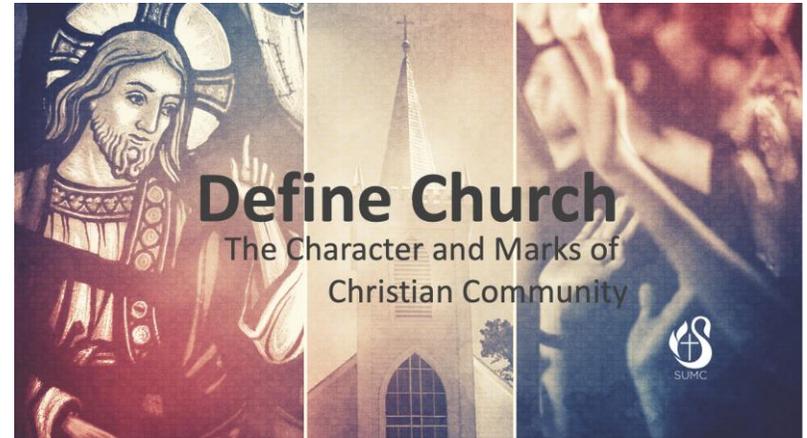
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*The Chancel flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



September 11th, 2022

11:00 am

Traditional Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We gather as living stones being built into a fitting dwelling place for God.

Let us worship Christ, our sure foundation and cornerstone!

*Hymn UMH #553 "And Are We Yet Alive"

* Opening Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself. Forgive us when we fail in our high and holy calling. Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you. Give us strength to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the church may never have cause to say to any one of us, "This is my body, broken by you." This we pray through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Prayer adapted from UMH #564)

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward 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 *(As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love).*

Prayer for Illumination UMH #594

Come, divine Interpreter, bring me eyes thy book to read, ears the mystic words to hear, words which did from thee proceed, words that endless bliss impart, kept in an obedient heart. All who read, or hear, are blessed, if thy plain commands we do; of thy kingdom here possessed, thee we shall in glory view when thou comest on earth to abide, reign triumphant at thy side. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-22, 30-31

Roger Fulp

Backpack Blessing

Open Altar, Open Heart *(As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor).*

Call to Prayer "Amazing Grace"

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*The Nicene Creed UMH #880

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.

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Anthem "America the Beautiful"

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-18

Sermon "Define Church"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Something Beautiful"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Hymn UMH #377 "It is Well with My Soul"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Sunshine in My Soul"

* Please Stand as you are able

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Liturgist: Rev. Regina Harrison