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*The Chancel flowers on the Altar are dedicated
In memory of Margaret Ennett Hurst
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



January 15, 2023

11:00 am

Traditional Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Praise Him with Timbrel and Dance"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We gather in hope and in faith to praise the God of love.

Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your love and empower us with your grace!

*Hymn UMH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless.

Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.

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).*

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11

Finley Woolston

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 "I Love the Lord"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*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.**

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Anthem "Lamb of God"

*Gospel Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon "Love One Another"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

**Please stand as you are able*