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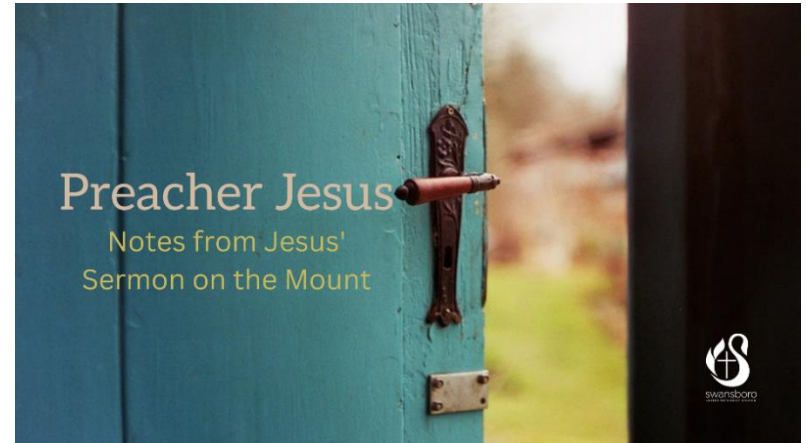
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*The Chancel flowers on the Altar are dedicated  
In memory of Richard Scroggs  
Given by his daughter, Talley Kovacs*



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



**February 12, 2023  
11:00 am  
Traditional Worship**

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# Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

\*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One who leads us in the way of life.**

\*Hymn UMH #88 "Maker, In Whom We Live"

\*Opening Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways, observe your commandments, and love you as you have loved us. Yet, we often turn away from you to satisfy our own wants and desires. We forsake the way of love and forgiveness, giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling, and surrendering our lofty ideals to our baser inclinations. Forgive us, O God. When we flee from your embrace, draw us into community with you and with one another. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

\*Assurance of Pardon

God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God's ways.

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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Megan Fahy

Psalms 119:1-8 UMH #841

Children's Celebration

"Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191 *(Sung as the children come forward)*

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 "Seek Ye First"

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 "Amazing Grace"

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon "Choose Life"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Jesu, Jesu"

\*Doxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn UMH # 408 "The Gift of Love"

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*\*Please stand as you are able.*