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*The Chancel flowers on the Altar are dedicated
In celebration Haley Moore's 16th birthday
Given by her grandmother, Betty Moore*



"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"



**February 19, 2023
11:00 am
Traditional Worship**

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us worship the Lord who cares for us and invites us to care for others.

Praise the Lord, our Savior and our Healer!

*Hymn UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

God of us all, you created us in your image and care for us more than we can ask for or imagine. Your love never ends. You call us to join you in caring ministry to others in Jesus' name. We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all, anywhere, who struggle with life circumstances. Forgive us for the ways we are blind to the suffering of others. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, provide strength; to all who have sinned, grant your mercy; to all who sorrow, impart your peace. Help us all to be willing servants and thankful recipients of your love, that your name might be glorified and your good and gracious will be done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*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).*

First Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Lynn Rouse

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 "All I Need is You"

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 "Wade in the Water"

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:40-45

Sermon "The Call to Care"

Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers

Allison Devechio, Jill Droze, Marie Hurst

Heather Minch, Lisa Potts, Mitzi Stephenson

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "He is Exalted"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #367 "He Touched Me"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Serve the Lord With Gladness"

**Please stand as you are able.*