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



August 27, 2023

Combined Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

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Worship

Gathering Prayer & Praise

“Waymaker” & “The Blessing” Praise Band
“Joy in the Morning” & “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Song of Preparation “This is Amazing Grace” (See Insert)

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us celebrate God’s love, compassion, and justice!

Lord, let your grace be poured out for all people!

Jesus, empower us to bring hope and peace to all whom we meet.

We are called to be God’s witnesses! Let us rejoice in the God who heals, restores, renews, and saves! AMEN.

*Hymn UMH #369 “Blessed Assurance”

*Opening Prayer of Confession

God of abundant life, you are always working for good in the world, despite human sin, greed, brokenness, pain, and poverty. We confess that there are far too many times when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn’t convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Through the abundance of God’s mercy and forgiving love, you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, and to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. God’s blessings are poured over you in this service.

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’s show one another signs of reconciliation & love.)

First Scripture Lesson: James 1:27; 2:14-17

Backpack Blessings

(Students, Teachers, and Educators are invited to come forward.)

Open Altar, Open Heart

(As “Call to Prayer” is sung, all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.)

Call to Prayer “Is He Worthy?” (See Insert)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith (See Insert)

*Gloria Patri UMH #17

Special Music “All is Well” Chancel Choir

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon “And Who is My Neighbor” Rev. Gaston Warner

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory “Alleluia, Amen” Terri Boykin

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song “10,000 Reasons” (See Insert)

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “He Keeps Me Singing”

** Please stand as you are able.*