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



November 12, 2023

8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation "All I Need is You"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives! AMEN.

*Hymn UMH #662 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our Deliverer and Savior, you have called us leave behind that which binds us and walk toward the freedom and life you bring. We confess that there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event rather than the Lord of our lives. Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Give us a boldness to decide again this day whom we will serve. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

In the deepest darkness, in the times when all seems lost, we are not lost to God. God hears, God sees, and God delivers us from sin and death. Hear again the Good News: 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.)*

Veteran's Day Recognition

Today we honor all our veterans and give God thanks for their service.

During this recognition, the songs for each branch of the military will be played. All veterans of that branch and their families are invited to stand in their honor when the corresponding song is played.

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joanne Scholl

Reception of New Members: UMH #33

Paula and Tim Webb

Open Altar, Open Heart *(During "Call to Prayer", all are invited to altar for morning prayer.)*

Call to Prayer "Shout to the Lord"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*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

Children's Celebration

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

Anthem "Great is the Lord"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-3

Sermon: "Readiness of the Saints"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Marjorie Quinlan, Terri Boykin

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Dismissal & Blessing "God Be with You Til We Meet Again"

*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress in Our God"

**Please stand as you are able.*