

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Prelude in E Minor

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Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters, we are loved by God.

All: The ruler of heaven and earth knows us by name.

One: God hears and answers our cries for help.

All: God shows compassion and kindness to us.

One: May our lives praise and magnify our great and awesome God.

All: We have come to worship the one whose image is imprinted within us.

Congregational Introit

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

UMH 145

- Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Amen

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 20:19-26 (CEB)

The legal experts and chief priests wanted to arrest him right then because they knew he had told this parable against them. But they feared the people.

The legal experts and chief priests were watching Jesus closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They wanted to trap him in his words so they could hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are correct in what you say and teach. You don't show favoritism but teach God's way as it really is. Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Since Jesus recognized their deception, he said to them, "Show me a coin. Whose image and inscription does it have on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

He said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." They couldn't trap him in his words in front of the people. Astonished by his answer, they were speechless.

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

(Transition Music to allow time for leaders to move into place)

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Dorian Bells

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Message Identity Theft Rev. Carol Millspaugh

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Messiah)

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† **Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not given you the things that are yours. We quibble over technicalities and argue over questions that do not lead us to love you, ourselves, or our neighbors well. We ignore your goodness that is all around us, and we do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Spirit who empowers us to live as people who glorify you. We do not recognize your holy touch in the world around us, and we neglect our responsibility to treat all things and all people as sacred. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to live in love and peace with you, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. Amen.

One: Our God is a God who forgives, showing kindness and compassion to all. When we call on God, God hears and answers us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn Thine Be the Glory UMH 308

 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine be the glory, risen conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

 Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

Thine be the glory, risen conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
 Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
 Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

Thine be the glory, risen conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

† Benediction

Postlude

The Strife Is O'er

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