



Sunday + July 23, 2023 + 9:55 am

WELCOME

(Leslie will play a prelude to prepare us for morning worship)

Informal Moments and Announcements

We Gather-----"This is the Day"-----UMH #657

Call To Worship

Leader: We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

Church: For what can we hope?

Leader: We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

Church: God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.

Leader: Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

Church: Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace.

AMEN.

Opening Hymn-----"Wonderful Words of Life"-----UMH #600

We Welcome our Children Even if we do not have children in congregational worship, we remember all God's children. "The Faith We Sing" songbook #2233 "This, this is where children belong, welcomed as parts of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song. This is where children belong."

Special Music-----"Spirit of the Living God" (X2)-----UMH #393

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."* (X2)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sing) *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

Affirmation of Faith-----UMH #881

Reception of our Tithes & Offerings Offering Response Hymnal #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow....with Alleluia's

Song of Preparation-----"Jesus United by Thy Grace"----- UMH #561

Scripture Lesson-----Colissians 3:1-11

Message: New Life

Closing Hymn-----"Trust and Obey"-----UMH #467

Dismissal With Blessing

Postlude Hymn-----"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"-----UMH #672

