

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Prelude

Welcome *Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Liturgist parts are indicated in **BOLD** and ***)

****Leader: The realm of God has come near.**

Enter this time of worship with joyous expectations.

People: We will extol you, O God, for you have drawn us up.

You rescued us from the pit and restored us to life.

****Leader: Sing praises to God, all faithful ones.**

Give thanks to God's holy name.

People: We have known your favor, O God, in many ways.

You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing.

****Leader: Rejoice in the work you are given to do.**

Give thanks that your names are known to God.

People: We will praise you, O God, and not be silent.

We will give thanks to you forever.

Opening Song *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* UM Hymn #301

****Invocation** *Opening Prayer read by Liturgist*

Would join with me in our Opening Prayer?

Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word,

and our hearts be responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

(Pastor Jeff will first do the prayers, Liturgist will read Invitation & pray)

****Invitation: Our offerings support the ministry of this church as we reach out together to announce the better way God intends for all of us. In our giving, we extend a welcome, practice hospitality, offer healing, become reapers in God's harvest, and extend the peace of God to the world. May our offerings honor the one who gives us all we have.**

****Will you pray with me? With gratitude for your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may your name be praised here and in many other places. Amen.**

Praise Song

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin

****Scripture Reading**

Galatians 6:1-16 NRSV

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

This is the word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Message *“Wisdom and Passion Live Responsibly”* Pastor Jeff Williams

Closing Song *“Take Up Thy Cross”* UMC Hymn #415

Blessing for the Week

Postlude