

June 2, 2024, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Gathering Song: Sunshine Gospel Singers: *Till the Storm Passes By*

Welcome

Communion Speaker: Metrocrest

Congregational Hymn
Lord of the Dance

Joys

Building the Future Together

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory: Celebration Choir *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Prayer *Just as I Am*

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response *Just as I Am*

†Prayer of Illumination

Open our hearts today to your Word, O God, to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be. Amen.

Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord;

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.

Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

(United Methodist Hymnal #641)

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 trespasses, 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.

Communion is Served

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn *One Bread One Body*

Receiving of New Members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you at Christ United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction (The Light of Christ Taken into the World)

Benediction Response *Lord of the Dance*

Postlude