

August 25, 2024, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Gathering Song: Sunshine Gospel Singers: *Walking and Talking*

Welcome

Congregational Hymns

Savior, Like a Shepherd lead Us (Cokesbury Hymnal #69 Verses 1 & 3)

'Tis So Sweet to trust in Jesus (United Methodist Hymnal #462 Verses 1 & 4)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (Faith We Sing #2158 Vs. 1 & 2)

Joys

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory: Celebration Choir: *Children of God*

Doxology 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! Alleluia!

Call to Prayer

Jesus Loves Me (United Methodist Hymnal #191 Vs 1)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Prayer Response

Jesus Loves Me (United Methodist Hymnal #191 Vs 2)

†Prayer of Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may with humility walk with Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and

three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon *Greatness*

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn

Make Me a Captive, Lord (United Methodist Hymnal #421 Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Receiving of New Members

(Congregational Response- Onscreen)

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

Benediction Response (Lauren - Pulpit Mic)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (Faith We Sing #2158 Chorus)

Postlude