

March 10, 2024, Celebration Service (8:50 AM)

Prelude

Sunshine Gospel Singers & The Four Hoarsemen +2
Midnight Cry

Welcome

†Congregational Hymns

My Tribute (United Methodist Hymnal #99)
To God Be the Glory (UM Hymnal #98)
Grace Greater Than Our Sin (United Methodist Hymnal #365)

Joys

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory: Celebration Choir
God So Loved the World

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

Ah, Holy Jesus (UM Hymnal #289 Verse 4)

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

The Four Hoarsemen +2: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

†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 proclaimed, we may hear your call to holy living. Amen.

Scripture

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title

Lift High the Cross

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead (UMH #375 verses 1 &2)

Receiving of New Members

(Congregational Response)

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

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (United Methodist Hymnal #365 Chorus)

Postlude