

June 25, 2023
Celebration Service

Prelude

Gathering Music: Sunshine Gospel Singers
His great Love

Welcome

†Congregational Hymns

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (United Methodist Hymnal #140 Verses 1 & 2)

My Savor's Love (Celebration #348 Verses 1 & 4)

O How He loves You and Me (Celebration #349 Verses 1 & 2)

Thanksgiving with UMYF Mission Celebration

†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!**

Celebration Choir *O Love*

Call to Prayer by Ding-a-Lings
Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen

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 Gift of Love (United Methodist Hymnal #408 verse 3)

†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 hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne

for all generations." Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance; they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness. For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor, our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Invitation to Christ and Church Membership

†Hymn of Response

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (United Methodist Hymnal #128 Verses 1 & 3)

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 (Light Taken into the World)

†Benediction Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (United Methodist Hymnal #140 Chorus)

†Postlude