

September 4, 2022

Greeting

Special Days
Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Prelude

Stephanie Shorden

***Call to Worship**

CLM Twinkle Gordon

Leader: Come this day to worship - well dressed or barely together

People: We come as we are. God accepts us as we are.

Leader: Come to the God who sees you and knows you.

People: We have nothing to hide. We come as we are.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We shall rejoice and be glad in it!

***Gathering Song**

We Are God's People

TFWS #2220

WORDS: Bryan Jeffery Leech

(John 3:5-8; 1 Cor. 3:16; Col. 1:18; 1 Pet. 2:9)

MUSIC: Johannes Brahms, adapt.

© 1976 Fred Bock Music Co.

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the Word. Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand; O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God outpoured. Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given; O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

3. We are the body of which the Lord is Head, called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead. God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one; O let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's work on earth be done.

4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace. We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire; yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7
CLM Twinkle Gordon

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Mystery Box

PRAYER

Invitation to Prayer

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Anyone wishing to come forward to the Communion Railing to pray or light a prayer candle may do so.

Prayer Song

You Are My Hiding Place

TFWS #2055

WORDS: Michael Ledner (Ps. 32:7)

MUSIC: Michael Ledner

© 1981 Maranatha! Music, admin. by The Copyright Co.

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Holy Spirit Prayer, Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

CLM Twinkle Gordon

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 to trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever.

Prayer Response

You Are My Hiding Place

TFWS #2055

WORDS: Michael Ledner (Ps. 32:7)

MUSIC: Michael Ledner

© 1981 Maranatha! Music, admin. by The Copyright Co.

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you. Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

GIVING BACK

Invitation to Offering

CLM Twinkle Gordon

Offertory

My Life Flows On

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Thanks & Dedication

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #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!

MESSAGE

Scripture Reading

Acts 26:19-25

CLM Twinkle Gordon

“After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the gentiles.”

While he was making this defense, Festus exclaimed, “You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!” But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth.

Anthem

A Time for All Things
Douglas Wagner
Sanctuary Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditations of all of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our rock and our redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Message

What Have I Gotten Myself Into?

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

SENDING FORTH

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

v. 1 UMH #618

WORDS: African American spiritual (Acts 2:42)

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH p. 13

***Sending Hymn**

Leave It There

v. 1 & 2 UMH #522

WORDS: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906

1. If the world from you withhold of its silver and its gold, and you have to get alone with meager fare, just remember in his Word how he feeds the little bird, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Refrain

Leave it there, (leave it there) leave it there, (leave it there) take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (leave it there) If you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out; take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (leave it there)

2. If your body suffers pain, and your health you can't regain, and your soul is almost sinking in despair, Jesus knows the pain you feel, he can save and he can heal, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Refrain

Leave it there, (leave it there) leave it there, (leave it there) take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (leave it there) If you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out; take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (leave it there)

Announcements

Care & Share, Rally Day, Fall Family Fun Night

Benediction

Pastor Donnie Sturgill

Postlude

Stephanie Shorden