

Prelude

Special Music

Lucas Myers

Choral Introit

Children's Moment

John Sciera

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God for the People of God

Shawn Wright

Praise Songs

Matthew 17:14-20

The People Gather

Shawn Wright

One: We come to worship our God, the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is [c]an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

**Many: We come to worship God who never leaves us and yet whose purposes often seem hidden.**

17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O [d]faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

One: As the bulb hides the flower, as the seed hides the tree, as the cocoon hides the butterfly, so too does God bring forth life even when we cannot see it.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your [e]unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

**Many: We gather today to learn how to watch, wait, and anticipate the season when God's unrevealed work will come into the open.**

One: As silence gives way to song, as night gives way to dawn, so too does God tirelessly persist in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom of heaven.

Message: A Seed of Faith

Paige Treadway

**Many: We gather today to learn how to join in God's dance as partners as we wait for the season when God's unrevealed work comes into the open.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Annabelle Foss

Hymn #140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

The People Pray

Shawn Wright

**O God, teach us not to despise small things.**

**Remind us that the kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed.**

**Turn our attention to the small things that bless others.**

**You have planted seeds of great potential in our souls.**

**Help us develop our potential so that you and others can depend on it.**

**Help us not to overlook the smallest ability.**

**Turn our attention to the small things that this congregation can do to make a tremendous difference in human lives. Amen.**

The People Offer Praise

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

The People Go into The World

Hymn #389 "Freely, Freely"

Benediction