GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome

Melinda Sciera

Announcements

Praise Songs

The People Gather

Bill Carney

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Many: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has

become new!

One: Let us celebrate a new life in Christ.

Many: We celebrate the gift of new life in Christ with thanks

and praise.

Hymn: UMH #155 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vv. 1-4)

The People Pray

Bill Carney

We thank You for your grace and love of forgiving, accepting, and celebrating us with a new life in You. Each of us knows people who are dealing with health conditions, loss of jobs, divorces, problems with kids. We pray that they may find their way back to You, O God. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is the way and the truth and the life. Amen.

Children's Moment

Darcy Young

Anthem: "Day Star"

The Word of God for the People of God

Scripture – Luke 15:17-24

Bill Carney

¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands." ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. ²¹ Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! ²³ Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting ²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Message: Finding Your Way Back to God

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Awakening to Life: Now This is Living

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Bill Carney

The People Bring Their Gifts

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

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

The People Offer Praise

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

The People Go into The World

Hymn: TFWS #2140 "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" (vv. 1-4)

Benediction

Postlude