

June 30, 2024



American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Bev Barnett
Guest Musician: Marvin Rogers
Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer

A hearing loop is available for the hearing impaired. Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.

* Indicates: Those who are able may stand.

PRELUDE Musical Selection

Guest Musician: Marvin Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #657 (ALL) This is the Day

PRAYER OF GATHERING (in unison)

God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Freedom is coming!

ALL: We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.

ONE: Hope is coming!

ALL: We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.

ONE: God is here!

ALL: We count on God's presence with us, to guide, heal and uplift our spirits. AMEN.

UNISON PRAYER

The Lord who made the heavens and the earth hears our cries and answers our calls. Hope in the Lord whose steadfast love endures with us forever. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:10-13 NRSV

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

HYMN #154 (1,2,3) All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 13:1-23 NRSV

Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer "Throwing Seeds"

*HYMN #370 (1,2,3)

Victory in Jesus

MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Offertory Musical Selection

Guest Musician: Marvin Rogers

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

*Response: #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.

*HYMN AMEN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Musical Selection

Guest Musician: Marvin Rogers

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us outside for Lemonade on the Lawn.

From the Missions Committee

We received a letter of thanks from Church World Services for our gift of \$205 for blankets on Blanket Sunday. Their letter, in part, said, "Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far." The letter will be posted in Howard Hall. Thank you again for your generous support of Church World Services.

Calendar

September 28 UCP Fall Festival October 10-13 UCP 75th Anniversary

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday (July 7, 2024)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13