

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
June 1, 2025

* Please rise in body or spirit.

(11:00) Pre-Service Music

Jump Monk
Fascinating Rhythm
Cliffs of Mohr

Jazz to Go

Mingus
Gershwin/Arr. Lah
Lah

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings, piano
(11:00) Spirit Song Wimbe Jazz to GO

CALL TO WORSHIP

The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil.

The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation.

The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out.

The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God's reign of justice and love for all.

The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope.

May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world.

*** HYMN** Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

A READING FROM ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 16:16-34

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Creating God, we look forward to the arrival of your city,
And we recognize our part to play.
The tree of life needs clean water;
The ground needs to be prepared.
Our work has begun.
Guide our hands in seeing to it.

We see that you are calling all people back to you
And that you have charged us with invitation and welcome.
There are those whom we might have called enemies before.
Open our hearts for reconciliation.

Loving God, open our minds to see the vision you have for us.
Allow our imaginations to take control
When our minds say, "That's not possible."
Make us dream of a city, not another empire.

Returning God,
Give us urgency
Let us not say what has been said too long,
"The next generation will fix it."
Raise us up as prophets
To proclaim the good news
That the time has come.

God-throughout-Creation,
Strengthen our hands to do the work
And make them soft to reach out to those on the fence.
Make our city one that knows no division.
Make us a prismatic reflection of your great love for us.

May we be the builders you ask us to be. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs 1,4) UMH 557

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

(11:00) The Whisper Craig Courtney Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. In the times we turned away and our belief was tested, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people and your creatures on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus who is the Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit for the whole of creation.

It was the waters of Earth that flowed as he was baptized. It was the form of a dove and the shape of the wind that blew to establish the presence of the Holy Spirit! It was the wilderness of this Earth where Jesus was tempted and refused temptation. It was the coolness of the cave and the freshness of the gardens, alive with palms and flowers and butterflies that greeted Jesus on Easter morning. And when the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, heaven and Earth together, a new creation.

It all happened right here.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, God of all Creation, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples and all the people and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and all the people, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my Life, a new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine/juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we share the heavenly banquet, believers together in this New Creation.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever!

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.

R3 Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

(8:30) Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

(11:00) You've Got A Friend

King/Arr. Lah Jazz to Go

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs 1,2,6) UMH 154

BENEDICTION

We are surrounded by the presence of the Holy.

We are held in the love of the Creator.

We are filled with the inspiration of the Spirit.

We are called by the life and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

May we go from this place to live lives that hold this world in care and compassion, dreaming a New Creation as God's beloveds.

Go in peace...

POSTLUDE

(8:30) Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

(11:00) Blackbird

Lennon-McCartney/Arr. Lah Jazz to Go