The liturgical colors are white & gold for Celebration, Joy, Purity, and Victory

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young
Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME Adrienne Larkin, lituraist

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord.

And God turned to us and heard our cry.
God lifted us out of the pit, out of the miry clay.

And set our feet upon a rock, giving us a firm place to stand.

We will sing, sing a new song!
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Many will see and fear the Lord—

And put their trust in the One who saves. Let all who seek God rejoice and be glad!

Let those who long for deliverance say, "The Lord is great!"

Come, beloved community—

Let us worship the Lord, who hears our song and gives us hope.

*OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written Samuel Stone. He put them to the hymn, Aurelia, written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, a grandson of Charles Wesley. Stone was born in 1839 in Whoitmore, England. He was the son of a Church of England priest. Stone followed in his father's footsteps and became a priest in 1862, the same year he graduated from Oxford. He followed his father as vicar of St Paul's Haggerston Church. It was in a poor section of London. Stone would open the church early at 6:30 in the morning so working class people could have services and prayer before work. He later moved to All Hallows London Wall church and was there until he retired. The church got its name because the north wall of the church was built on the old Roman city wall of London. He died in 1900 in London.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, You meet us in the clash between hope and heartbreak, in the silence between verses, in the cries of "how long?" and the whispers of "hallelujah." We come before You today with open hands—some of us holding faith like fire, others barely holding on. You have heard our songs in the dark. You have seen our hunger for peace, justice, and love in a world that so often breaks its promises.

Still, we believe. Still, we doubt. Still, we seek. Still, we sing.

O God of the already and the not-yet, tune our hearts to Your rhythm. Let our worship rise from the tension, as a song of longing and trust, a cry for mercy and a shout of praise. In the name of the One who walks with us in shadow and in light—Amen.

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

"Amazing Grace" Marianne Foreman Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

CONFIRMATION UMH 45

Brooklyn Hall
Kayleigh Hall
Jackson Rhoads
Lucynda Cuff
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Daley Moy, mentor
Nancy Leyden, mentor

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Wood and Nails" arr. Heather Sorenson

Melanie Lyttle & Laurie Babcock, duet Chancel Choir; McKinley Glasser, cello

*DOXOLOGY #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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10, p. 822

MESSAGE "Jukebox Jesus: Tension & The Music of U2" Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HOLY COMMUNION

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THE 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.

^{*}Congregation invited to stand if able

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Whom Shall I Send?"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Festive Postlude"

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Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Altar Flowers presented by Ruthie, Mike, Louie, and Jake Cosmo In Loving Memory of Eldridge Bucklew's birthday

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485







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