

The liturgical color is gold, symbolizing joy and festivities

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

WELCOME Stephanie Lee, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of

God's dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***OPENING HYMN** "Precious Name" UMH 539

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written in 1870 by Lydia Baxter. She was born in Petersburg in upstate New York in 1809. She became a Christian when she was very young after studying with a Baptist missionary. Later, she and her sister helped form a Baptist church in her hometown. She moved to New York City after her marriage to Col. John Baxter. Lydia wrote a number of hymns, especially for Sunday School, as well as poetry. She was disabled and was bed ridden for most of her time in New York City. Often in great pain she amazed her friends with her cheery disposition. She said she would say the name Jesus and it brought her comfort, thus the inspiration for the name of this hymn. Lydia died at her home on West 49th Street in 1874. The hymn writer, William Doane, put her words to music in 1871.

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM 9:00 "Midnight Cry" arr. Tom Fettke
Charter Members Men's Choir; Mike Fournier, soloist; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

11:00 "Joy In the Morning"
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist
Natalie Sleeth

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

FAITH STORY

* Congregation invited to stand if able

FAITH IN ACTION

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY 9:00 "All to Us" arr. Mary McDonald

11:00 "My Wordless Prayer" Craig Courtney

***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! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord. And from these riches, we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this city. Amen.

HYMN OF CENTERING "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1, p. 852

MESSAGE "This is Us: Being United Methodist
What Is Our United Methodist Story?"
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12

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.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Festival Postlude" Zipoli



Altar Flowers are presented by Ruthie, Mike, Jake, & Louie Cosmo
In Loving Memory of Eldridge Bucklew on his birthday &
In Appreciation of my friend Carrie Redel

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Joyce Snyder
In Loving Memory of Charles "Carl" Snyder, Husband and Father

Lectern Flowers are presented by Rhonda & Larry Hoon
In Celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary

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May 5, 2024

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