

The liturgical color is green, signifying life in the Christian church

PRELUDE "Pastorale" Charles Wesley
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Rich Elwell, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, please speak to us in this time when we need and seek community.

In our ever-changing world, our small, meek, seemingly insignificant neighborhood matters.

I matter, you matter, we all matter. God make us willing to be neighbors!

Who is our neighbor? Everyone is!

From the grand to the overlooked, we glean hope, love, sharing, caring, forgiveness and more from a neighborly perspective.

O God, today, show us your love, as you are always with us, showing us neighborliness.

***OPENING HYMN** "I Am Thine, O Lord" #UMH 149

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we seek your Kingdom here on earth always. As your love is patient, kind and not boastful, we rely on you. We honor you. for you provide us with all, all we could ever need. You alone are worthy! As we seek ways to serve, Lord, help us to be open to the world around us. Let us not pass by on the other side of those in need of food, clothes, shelter, and you. Oh Lord, let us leave here ready to serve and include all in our serving. Let us remember the sick, the poor, the abused, male and female, the disabled, the aged. Let us remember all who need you in their spirit, for salvation's sake! Amen.

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:8, p. 659

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

ANTHEM 9:00 "Glorious Forever" David Lantz III
Capella: Laurie Babcock, Noralee Starr, Karen Nemelka, Tammy Palermo

11:00 "We are Called" arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

KIN-DOM SIGNS Sean McArthur

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 "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Mary McDonald

11:00 "Speak, O Lord" arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir; Dave Sechnick, Larry Fram, soloists

***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**

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

HYMN OF CENTERING "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH #402

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37, p. 735

MESSAGE "Justice or Just Us?: Love God and Love Neighbor"
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

***HYMN OF MISSION** "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" UMH #526

***FAITH IN ACTION**

***BENEDICTION**

The Spirit of God is upon you.

We go forth proclaiming God's love and liberation.

The Spirit of Christ is upon you.

We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.

The Spirit of power is upon you.

We go forth as one body, one spirit, one witness to the promises of our God.

Amen. **Amen.**

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

***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

"Choral Song"

Samuel Wesley



Altar Flowers are presented by Linda Brown & Family
In Memory of Rita P. Struckert,
mother, grandmother, and great grandmother


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For flowers please call Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485




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Traditional Worship  January 14, 2024

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