

Gathering in Prayer

Our last worship service in this sanctuary was on Sunday, July 25. We ended that service in prayer together at the Communion Rail asking for God's blessing as we began the renovation of this sanctuary. God has richly blessed our worship during that time.

As we prepare to worship again in this renovated sanctuary, let us join in prayer together asking for God's blessing whenever we gather to worship in this sacred place.

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Invocation**Hymn**

Brethren We Have Come to Worship

Holy Manna

The Chancel Choir will sing the first three verses

then the Congregation will stand and join the Choir in the last two verses.

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbering on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

The Congregation will now stand, joining the choir in singing the fourth and fifth verses.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace, and filled with tears?
Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;
Pray, Oh pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to Heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

for Dylan Charles and Andrew Reades Roof, children of Justin and Amanda

and

for Luke Garren and Allie Parker Johnson, children of Chris and Heather

Introduction to the Service**Thanksgiving over the Water****Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith****Baptism with Laying On of Hands***** Commendation and Welcome**

Members of the household of God, I commend these children to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Delan Stevens, Lay Leader

Hymn 593

Here I Am, Lord

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Morning Prayers**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.

Offertory

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Michael Burkhardt

Offertory Anthem

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Bill Derksen

(The lyrics for the anthem can be found at 158 in the hymnal.)

*** Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 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.

