



**Order of Worship  
February 13, 2022  
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship  
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*If With All Your Heart*

Mendelssohn

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Quinn Hetherington

These lush, green trees are planted by a pool of water in the Negev desert. In this arid land, they send their roots down deep so they may thrive. We're gathering for worship, but where is it we are rooted?

The slide is advanced for the congregation to respond.

**We want to be deeply rooted — not in this place, but in God.**

Happy are those who are planted by streams of water,

**like trees with leaves that do not wither.**

In this hour, let's sink our roots into God's law and love,  
so we can thrive and produce good fruit!

**Opening Prayer**

Quinn Hetherington

God of grace and growth, encourage us to stay planted in your Word and in the Body of Christ. Help us rejoice, like trees planted by streams of water. Watch over us, even as we seek to be rooted deeply enough to stand steady in the face of all the challenges of our world. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray, AMEN

**Hymn** (See last page)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH 103

**Children's Message**

*Delight in God's Word*

Pastor Debra

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Debra

**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.**

**Ministry of Music**

*This Is the Gospel of Love*

Choir

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Prayer for Illumination**

Quinn Hetherington

Wondrous Spirit, gather our minds that they may be one with you. Open our ears that they may hear your Word. Soften our hearts that they may receive your wisdom. Speak to us for we, your servants, are listening. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

Quinn Hetherington

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—

who can understand it?  
10 I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**Psalter UMH 738**

*Psalm 1*

Pastor Debra

Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;  
**Or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and on God's law they meditate day and night.**  
They are like trees planted by the water that yield their fruit in season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**

**Sung Response Two:**

Like a tree planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
**Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment;**  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Sung Response Two:**

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**Sermon**

*Where Am I Planted?*

Pastor Debra

**Call to Confession**

Pastor Debra

Let us confess our sins to our loving God.

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Debra

Merciful God,  
creator of all that is, seen and unseen,  
our delight is in your word  
and we have a deep sense of your presence  
when we allow it to fill our lives night and day.  
For the times when we listen to the advice  
of those who rebel against you,  
**Lord have mercy.**  
For those times when we can be found with those who scorn,  
**Christ have mercy.**

We experience your blessings  
like a tree that is planted beside a never-failing stream  
For those times when we do not bear the fruits of your abundance,  
**Lord have mercy.**

**Merciful God, renew us by your nurture and blessing, so that we may prosper in your ways. Watch over us, so that the ways of the wicked pass from us. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

God's steadfast love and forgiveness never fail. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

Quinn Hetherington

*Offertory*

*In His Care*

Scarlatti

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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**

Quinn Hetherington

**You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn** (See last page)

*You Are the Seed*  
*Verses 1-2*

UMH 583

**Benediction**

Pastor Debra

We are planted by the streams of God's wisdom.  
**We meditate on the desires of God, taking delight in the laws of God.**  
Sink your roots deep into the soil, and draw on God's wisdom.  
**For God will nourish us every day with insight.**  
Go forth, knowing that God watches over you.

**Postlude**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Aspinall/McDonald

## **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

## **YOU ARE THE SEED**

*You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
you're a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
a beacon to glow in the dark.*

*You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,  
my witnesses where'er you go.*

### **Refrain:**

*Go, my friends, go to the world,  
proclaiming love to all,  
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,  
from the dead I arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,  
till the end of the world."*

*You are the flame that will lighten the dark,  
sending sparkles of hop, faith, and love;  
you are the shepherds to lead the whole word  
through valleys and pastures of peace.  
You are the friend that I chose for myself,  
the work that I want to proclaim/  
You are the new kingdom built on a rock  
where justice and truth always reign.*

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