



***Second Sunday after Pentecost
Graduation Sunday***

**Order of Worship
June 12, 2022
10:00 AM**

*Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

Welcome

Prelude

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Haydn

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

Meghan Walker

We praise you, Lord!

We give thanks to you with our whole heart!

**Great are your works, full of honor and majesty
and studied by all who delight in them.**

The works of your hands are faithful and just.

Your precepts are trustworthy.

Our reverence for you is the beginning of wisdom.

You are to be praised forever.

***Opening Prayer**

All-knowing Creator, from whom comes every good and perfect gift,
we praise you for the wisdom, power, and love
displayed in the natural universe and in humanity,
whom you have placed within it to care for it and nurture it.

All glory to you, omniscient God!

Light of the world, we praise you for being the eternal truth.

All glory to you, Christ our teacher!

Revealer of the deep things of God, we praise you for your gifts of awe and wonder which lead us on the path of true wisdom.

All glory to you, Holy Spirit!

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

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Children's Message

Pastor Debra

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debra

The Lord's Prayer

All Praying

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Lift Your Light

Choir

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Prayer for Illumination

All Praying

Meghan Walker

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (NRSV)

Jeremiah 29:10-12

God Promises Judah a Future

¹⁰This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

New Testament Reading (NIV)

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Paul's Words of Encouragement to the Young Pastor, Timothy

¹²Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. ¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Sermon

Walking in Faith

Pastor Debra

Affirmation of Faith from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death –even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Invitation to The Offering

What must be done to convince us of God’s unending love? What further proof do we need? We have only to look around us to see what the Lord has done. We have only to look to the One who poured out his life for us, who offered himself in our place, and whose Spirit casts out all doubt and fear. What can we offer in response? Only our very selves, and the fruit of our lives and labor.

“Would the ushers please come forward to receive the morning offering.”

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come Holy Spirit

Kern

**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* (All Praying)

In our songs and in our words, we give praise to you, Lord. In our worship, study, and service, we bless you. Loving God, you breathe life into our mortal bodies; you watch over us and fill our every need. For all that you have done; for all that you have given to us, we worship you. Jesus, our Savior, with all that we are, and with all that we have, we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

FWS 2214

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Recognition of the 2022 Graduates

Pastor Debra

Rachel Hubbuch
Alexandra Krens
William McCann
Lara Moore
Cameron Padley

Responsive Prayer

This is an important moment along life's journey, O God, and we join together now to consecrate it to you.

Graduates:

It is by your grace, dear God, that we have come this far in our lives, and we seek your help as we move on from here.

Pastor Debra:

We acknowledge all those who have been instrumental in our graduates' lives: their parents, teachers, coaches, friends, siblings, and other relatives.

Graduates:

We would not forget our church, and what it has meant in our development; and we acknowledge your importance, O God, in everything we do.

Pastor Debra:

We honor all parents, teachers, and friends of our graduates who are here today, and invite them to join us in this prayer.

Congregation:

We pray for these graduates, dear God, that you will bless them with your heavenly Spirit and keep them from all harm; give them a sense of joy and a sense of responsibility; help them become all that is in them to become; and, above all, let them know that they are loved by you and by us.

All:

For yours is the wonderful kingdom and the incredible power and the overwhelming glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Walk with Me

FWS 2242

Benediction

Pastor Debra

Choral Benediction

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.**

Postlude

In His Name

Nordman

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

2. *"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

3. *"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

4. *"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

5. *"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

LIFT YOUR LIGHT

*Lift Your Light,
Let it shine high in the darkness;
Let it shine all over the world,
Jesus loves you!
Lift your light, lift it high
High in the darkness;
Jesus is the light of the world.
Lift it higher.
Lift your light!
Lift you light!
Let it shine high in the darkness.
Let it shine all over the world
Jesus loves you!
Lift you light
Lift it high
High in the darkness;
Jesus is the light of the world.
Lift it higher.
Jesus is the light, light of all the world;
Lift the light within you, shine it all around the world.
Let the glory rise; raise it to the sky;
Let you light for Jesus shine!
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Lift your light,
Let it shine high in the darkness;
Let it shine all over the world,
Jesus loves you!
Lift your light,
Lift it high, high in the darkness;
Jesus is the light of the world.
Lift it higher and higher and higher and higher!
Lift you light higher and higher!
Lift it up higher and higher!
Jesus is the light of the world.*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

WALK WITH ME

Refrain:

***Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.***

*When Moses heard the call of God
He said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one
to set my people free." **Refrain***

*Now Peter was a most unlikely
Man To lead the flock;
But Jesus knew his holiness
And he became the Rock. **Refrain***

*Young Mary Magdalene was sure
Her life could be much more,
And by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door. **Refrain***

*And when you share your faith with me
And work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness
Calls me to walk with you. **Refrain***