



*Sermon: A Powerful Choice*

**Order of Worship**  
**August 14, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

*Online Worship*  
*YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Sing to the Lord*

*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**

Tina Wilmoth

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1-2**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

**Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

UMH 145

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**Children's Message**

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

All Praying

### Ministry of Music

*My Jesus*

Quinn Hetherington

### Prayer for Illumination

*All Praying*

**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.**

### Scripture Reading

#### **From the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 6 verses 14-29**

14King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

### Sermon

*"A Powerful Choice"*

Pastor Maggie

### A Modern Affirmation of Faith

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,

There is the one true church, apostolic, and universal,  
Whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People and Pastor:**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God,  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus as the crucified and risen hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Invitation to The Offering**

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory* *Bless This Earth*

*\*Doxology*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

All Praying

**Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Awesome God*

FWS 2040

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## **Commission and Benediction**

Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name,  
and may God bless the gifts you've been given and the decisions you make for His kingdom.

May the Spirit grant you the willingness to risk yourself for the sake of the gospel,  
and may the love, compassion, hope and the faith of Jesus dwell richly within you.  
both now and forevermore. Amen

## **Choral Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### *Our Refuge and Strength*

#### **MORNING HAS BROKEN**

*Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Spring in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

#### **AWESOME GOD**

*Our God is an awesome God;  
He reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, pow'r, and love.  
Our God is an awesome God!*

*Repeat 2 times*